S. African police kill 3 protesters

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — Police fixed Monday on black protesters in two townships, killing two and injuring hundreds, a hospital worker said. Filteen blacks also were killed in weekend factional fighting, according to Fifteen blacks also were killed in weekend factional fighting, according to police and print reports. Police used shotgams and teargns to dispure several thousand black protesters in Sharpeville and Schokeng, wimesses said. The townships are south of Johannesburg, about 16 kilometres apart. In Schokeng, the protesters stoned a police station and set fire to the numicipal buildings, police said. At least two blacks were killed and hundreds injured in the clash, said a nurse at Schokeng Hospital who refused to give her mante. No injuries were reported in Sharpeville. The Amandarators were uncastling touts. hundres conditions and working demonstrators were protesting tents, housing conditions and working conditions, witnesses said. Police, meanwhile, said they suspect that African National Congress guerrillas fired two rocket-propelled grandes Sanday night at town council offices in the black township of Soweto outside Johannesburg. The two Soviet-made grandes cannot some damage, but police said there were no injuries.

An independent Arab political daily published by the Jordan Press Foundation جوردان تابعز يوميَّة سِياسية تُمُبِّزُ بالانجليزية عن المؤسسة المنحفية الأردنية والراي،

Nasser's widow laid to rest

CAIRO (R) — Thousands of Egyptians led by President Homi Mubarak paid last respects Monday to the widow of Egypt's late revolutionary leader Gamal Abdui Nesser. Tahlya, 66, died of heart failure at home Sunday, mourned by her family but with her eldest son absent, forced to stay abruad by charges carrying the death penalty. Nasser's eldest son Khaled, a 39-year-old engineer in self-exile in Europe, is one of 20 peopole on trial for involvement in a revolutionary group accused of killing and injuring several Israeli and U.S. diplomata in attacks between 1984 and 1987. He is being tried in absentia. His mother was laid to rest at the Gamai Abdul issuer Mosque in Cairo's district of Cobri Al Quiba where the late ender's body was laid after his death in 1970. Muharak, ministers, lipiomats and dignituries walked solemnly for about 100 metres behind pall-bearers carrying the green-draped coffin, preceded by wreaths of flowers. Family members, including Nasser's sons Abdul Hamid and Abdul Hakim, stood in line to receive condolences.

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AMMAN (J.T.) - Chief Islamic Justice Sheikh Mohammad Muhciian Monday night announced that Monday, March 26 was the last day of the month of Shabaan and Tuesday, March 27 marks the beginning of the fasting month

Arab panel seeks aid for Hrawi

ALGIERS (R) - Arah mediators are trying to mobilise financial and military aid to help Lebanese President Elias Hrawi oust rebel General Michel Aoun and rebuild the war-ravaged country, Algeria's foreign minis-ter said. An Arab committee, comprising Algeria, Saudi Arabia and Morocco and charged with trying to end Lebanon's civil war, was due to meet shortly to discuss aid to Hrawi, Algerian Foreign Minister Sid Ahmad Ghozali said Sunday night, "In addition to (existing) political support we are trying to mobilise on both Arab and international levels for this support to continue, and that it be coupled with material support," he told Reuters and the Paris-based Radin Beur.

U.N. chief seeks Sahara plebiscite

RABAT (AP) — U.N. chief Javier Perez de Cuellar, ending a two-day visit to Morocco, indicated he would like to organise a referendum nn the Western Sahara as soon as possible. He was to start a visit to refugee camps in the territory Monday. "If it were up to me, I would be ready to organise it tomorrow," the U.N. secretary general said Sunday before leaving Morocco for Algeria, then the Western Sahara. "But the complicated task must be handled step by step, (both) with prudence and is not something which is orga-nised in 24 hours or 24 months."

8 israelis on trial for meeting PLO

TEL AVIV (R) - Eight Israelis charged with meeting the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) appealed for a delay when their trial opened Monday, hop-ing the Labour Party would take power and repeal the law. However, the Ramle magistrate's court rejected the plea, which would have postponed a trial that had been delayed three times already. The group of eight plus far-left Israeli parliamentarian Charlie Biton met representatives of the PLO in Budapest in June 1987. After a three-hour meeting, Biton embraced senior PLO leader Aba Abbas and endorsed an independent Palestinian state alongside Israel. Biton was not charged because he has parliamentary immunity from prosecution.

Britons arrested in S. Arabia freed

BAHRAIN (R) — Two Britons arrested in Sandi Arabia Saturday on suspicion of spying have been released but may still he charged, a spokesman for the British embassy in Riyadh said Monday. The spokesman said by telephone that David Wilson, a nurse, and P.J. Wiseman, who both work for the state-owned oil firm Saudi Aramco, were released Monday morning. "We are in touch with the authorities about the arrests -- both people have been released but we do not know yet whether they will be charged," the spokesman said. The London Sunday Times said the two men were arrested after allegedly filming oil installations in the eastern part of Saudi Arabia. They said they had gone into the desert to film musual vegetation that appeared after heavy rainfall, the paper said.

Havei hospitalised

PRAGUE (AP) - Czechoslovak President Vaciav Havel underwent a previously planned hernia Operation Samrday and is recovering normally, his spokesman said Monday. Spokesman Michael Zantovsky said Havel will stay in hospital about a week, and then need another week to convalence.





His Majesty King Husseln Monday confers with PLO Executive Committee member Yasser Abed

Rabbo in a meeting attended by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan (Petra photo)

Jordan, PLO reach initial agreement on boosting information cooperation

King receives Arafat message

By Mariam M. Shahin Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — His Majesty King Hussein Monday received a message from Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat on the latest developments in the Arab and Palestinian issues and Jordanian-Palestinian cooperation.

The message was delivered to the King by Yasser Abed Rahbo, member of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Executive Committee, in a meeting attended by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Royal Court Chief Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker, the King's Political Advi-

sor Adnan Aba Odeh and In-

formation Minister Ibrahim

Abed Rabbo, who is also head of the Department of Informatinn of the PLO, is on an official visit to the Kingdom for talks on Jordan-PLO coordination nn information.

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---**Kabbi deals blow to Peres**

TEL AVIV (R) — A 96-year-old Rabbi harshly criticised secular ahandning Jewish religious Iews Monday in a rare public sermon that may have doomed Labour Party leader Shimon Peres's bid to become Israel's next prime minister.

Rabbi Eleizer Schach, who controls eight parliamentary seats and the balance of power in Israeli politics, spoke to 10,000 black-clad followers who paid up to \$50 each to hear him.

Israeli Television and radio broadcast Schach's 25-minute address in Hebrew and Yiddish, delivered in a largest basketball stadium, and interviewed a host of analysts who tried to interpret

his message. The rabbi, traditionally dovish on political affairs, accused traditions and education.

Labour was hoping that Degel Hatorah and Shas, the religious parties linked to Schach, would oin its secular allies in a Labourled coalition committed to the first-ever Israel-Palestinian peace

But politicians from the two religious parties said Schach had not changed his view and still favoured a broad coalition government led by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, leader of the rightist Likud party.

There were more than hints that we should go with Likud, but also that Likud should make great efforts to establish a broad government, invite Labour and go together," Degel Hatorah parliamentarian Rabbi Avraham Ravitz told reporters.

Likud's Labour and Welfare Minister Ronni Miln said the speech clearly endorsed Shamir over Peres. .

Parlilamentarians from the sixmember Shas and two-member Degel Hatorah said that they would vote together for the next Israeli prime minister. Both parties have recommended that Shamir should form the next govern-

Degel Hatorah set aside part of a Jerusalem convention centre on Tuesday for a day of interpreting the words of the white-haired rabbi, whose passion for peace has been matched only by his devotion to Likud.

Arab League, OIC assail U.S. Senate resolution

with agency dispatches

AMMAN — Arab and Islamic states Monday condemned an American Senate resolution acknowledging Jerusalem as the "capital of Israel," and a Palesti-nian leader called for an Arab-Islamic summit to discuss the

In a statement issued in Tunis, the Arab Leagne Council, after a meeting at ambassadorial level, said the Senate resolution, which was adopted Thursday, was "contrary to the provisions of international law, of the United Nations

"It does not serve peace at the present juncture. On the contrary it amounts to an obstacle to the peace process and encourages Israel to continue its inhumane nppressinn nf Palestinian

citizens," it added.

The U.S. Senate passed a nonbinding resolution last week supporting Israel's claim that Jerusalem should not be divided and remain Israel's capital.

American administrations have nnt acknowledged the Israeli claim, saying the city's future was

against

In Jeddah, Saudi Arabia the 46-member Organisatinn of Islamic Conference (OIC) Monday denounced the U.S. Senate resolution, but expressed apprecia-tion for the reaffirmation by President George Bush of the reality and intangibility of the legal sta-

tus of the Hnly City. "The OIC strongly denounces the passing by the United States Senate of this resolution which is a deliberate attempt to reinforce the stands of the opponents of ice," said the statement issued by OIC Secretary-General Hamid Al Gabid.

He said the organisation "took note with satisfaction" of the subsequent statement by Bush, and urged his administration to pursue its nngoing efforts to find a just and lasting settlement to the Palestinian problem.

It called on its member states and the international community to work for placing the occupied territories, including East Jerusalem, under international control until a comprehensive Arab-Israeli settlement is reached.

The organisation said it learnt with "surprise and incredulity, of

the Senate's resolution which it considered the more surprising because it was adopted by an institution which for centuries made justice and right the cornerstone of its actions."

This resolution represents a real challenge to the people of the Islamic Nation who are profoundly attached to their religious feelings for the bnly city which remains to be nne nf be hnliest shrines of Islam," the statement

A Palestine Liberatinn Organisation (PLO) leader said the U.S. Senate's view was very serious and an Arab-Islamic summit should investigate.
"The resolution is very serious

and vinlates international law and Palestinian human rights," Abdul Razak Al Yahia, a member of the PLO executive committee, told the Qatari News Agency.

"An Arab-Islamic summit should be convened to discuss this serious matter and take a united stand on it," said Yahia before leaving Doha after a fourday visit. Iraq said the U.S. Senate re-

solution was a challenge to all (Continued on page 5)

Press boycotts Lower House

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordanian correspondents of local, foreign and interna-tional publications boycotted Monday's session of the Lower House of Parliament in protest against attacks by some deputies against the local press for publishing part of the secret discussions the House held last week on corruption and financial mismanagement.

Therefore, all Jordanian newspapers have decided not to cover the deliberations of the House Monday.

The unwarranted attack by some deputies against the press also prompted Jordanian journalists to boycott Tuesday's session of the House.

Moves under way to settle Arabs rift in uprising leadership defend OCCUPIED JERUSALEM Iraq Rising concern about the PFLP's tactics prompted a rare

(AP) — A hardline Palestinian faction Monday openly challenged the underground leadership of the aprising by staging a wildcat strike. The strike, protesting the

anniversary of the Egyptian-

tion of softening in the struggle seginst Israeli occupation and called for rejection of the U.S.backed plan fnr Israeli-Palestinian peace talks. Palestinian activists who in-

sisted on anonymity said contacts were under way to try to resolve the feud within the underground leadership, which groups the PFLP with the Fateb faction, the Palestine Communist Party and the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP).

This is not the first time there have been differences, and we were able in the past to surmount them," one Fatch activist said. Still, be acknowledged, the rift comes at a time when "coordina-

tion is of utmost importance in

rebuke from the other Palestinian leadership groups, including the dominant Fatch faction. A two-page letter, made available to the Associated Press,

criticises the PFLP for actions that "help nobody but the eneunes

It also charged that allowing disputes to break into the open

bouring villages of Beit Jala and Beit Sabour. Slogans on walls, signed by the

PFLP and fundamentalist Islamic Jihad, called for burying the Camp David acenrds. The accords led to the Israeli-Egypt Ironically, the strike occurred

where in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip were allowed to remain open for a full eight hours in advance of Ramadan.

Hamas movement, which rejects any compromise with Israel, has for more than a year set its own strike agenda, often at odds with the main underground coalition's schedule.

The nther factions had largely acted together since a five-point pact last July pledged cooperation and ended a rash of torchings of rivals' cars.

The latest rift was sparked by the decision of the united lead ership to allow merchants to open their stores for five hours a day starting March 20. Earlier, merchants were restricted to a threehour work day.

The PFLP, in its leaflets, said the longer hours were a sign of weakness. Instead, they argued. Palestinians should increase civil disnhedience by lengthening strikes, intensifying the boycott of Israeli-made goods, staging larger demonstrations and throw ing more firebombs.

The PFLP's rising militancy has had repercussions on the ground. Last week, in the West Bank rally broke down into a brawl.

Moscow refuses to pull out troopers from Lithuania

MOSCOW (Agencies) — Soviet military chiefs refused to withdraw paratroopers from key Lithuanian centres Monday as rebel leaders reported inconclusive talks on the Baltic state's

independence bid. With separatism depening in the Baltic republics and renewed violence in Soviet Transcaucasia, the Kremlin deployed the troops as part of tough measures aimed at bringing Lithuania back into the Soviet fold.

ported killed in four days of ethnic clashes in the southern trouble spots of Armenia and Azerbaijan. But Kremlin leader Mikhail

At least 12 people were re-

Gorbachev's greatest challenge loomed in the country's rebellious north. Following in Lithuania's footsteps, Estonia's Communist party at a special congress in the capital

Tallinn approved plans Sunday

for a formal break with the Moscow Party after a six-month transition period. Elite combat troops armed with assault rifles seized public buildings in the Lithuanian capital Vilmus over the weekend inchiding the city's communist par-

ty headquarters. But Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, in the Nigerian capital Lagos Monday, ruled out military force against accessionist Lithuania or other republics. "Dialogue is our weapon, at home and abroad,"

After talks with Soviet military official in Moscow, Lithuanian officials said the talks marked a turning point in the tense standoff but were inconclusive. "After coming out of this meet-

ing, I can say the mood has changed," said Deputy Premier Romualdas Ozolas. "It is evident the conflict will not be escalated. Visiting U.S. Senator Edward

M. Kennedy said Gorbachev assured him the Kremlin would not use force in Lithuania unless peoples lives appeared

The brother of former U.S. President John Kennedy spent 90 minutes with Gorbachev talking mainly about Lithuania's bid for independence.

"President Gorbachev indicated to me that the position of the Soviet Union was that there would be no use of force unless the lives of others were threatened, and that he was committed to a peaceful resolution," Kennedy told a Moscow news conference.

The meeting of Soviet military commanders and Lithuanian officials focused on the military occupation of three Communist party buildings in Vilnius over the weekend.

The White House said that U.S.-Soviet relations could be damaged by "further actions" by Moscow in Lithuania and said it was unhappy that Soviet troops had seized buildings in the repub-

"Further actions will not lead to lessening of tensinns and could have adverse international repercustions and could be counterproductive to U.S.-Soviet relationships," White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said.

For days, Gorbachev and other Moscow officials have squeezed the defiant Baltie state with displays of military strength and demands of fealty.

Gorbachev ordered Lithuamans to surrender all firearms and told them not to sign up for volunteer units under the republic's government. The official news media has sought to portray Lithuania as in a state of anarchy.

ers have repeatedly said they will not use force in their bid to prevent Lithuanians from trying to restore the independence they lost in 1940 when their republic was forcibly annexed along with the two other Baltic states -Latvia and Estonia.

At the same time, Soviet lead-

criticism Israeli treaty, was the latest act of defiance by the Popular Front for TUNIS (R) - Arab states said the Liberation of Palestine against Western criticism of its In twn recent leaflets, the execution of London-based jour-PFLP accused the three other nalist Farzad Bazoft after convicfactions in the leadership coali-

tion on spying charges. The Council (of the Arab League) proclaims its complete solidarity with Iraq in the defence of its sovereignty and national security," said a statement issued after a meeting of Arab ambassadors in Tunis.

convicted for spying for foreign secret services, as established by his confessions to Iraqi justice, after a trial which conformed to internationally recognised legal rules," it added. Bazoft, an Iranian-born jour-

"The spy Farzad Bazoft (was)

nalist working for the British Sunday newspaper the Observer, was hanged in Baghdad March British Prime Minister Mar-

garet Thatcher recalled Britain's ambassador to Baghdad. Iraq had called for the Monday meeting to muster Arab support for its position.

The Arab states accused Britain of conducting an iniquitous campaign against Iraq and interfering in its internal affairs and they regretted that some European Community states had joined the campaign.

"This campaign in no way serves Arab-European relations, which the Arab states are keen to develop in the framework of mutual respect, the sovereignty of the two parties and noninterference in internal affairs," it

In a cautious speech opening the meeting, Arah League Secretary-General Chadli Klibi said Iraq had merely exercised its right to apply the law, as any other state would do, but the affair should not damage relations with Europe.

Klibi said: "Those who took part in the political and media campaign against Iraq... forgot that Iraq still feels, and justly, that it is in a state of war with Iran and that it has the right to defend its security and national interests." "At the same time, the Arab

states are keen to preserve Arab-European relations from any deterioration which Israel may be planning for them," he added. He referred to the journalist's self-confessed links with the Israeli intelligence service Mos-

He suggested the affair was a trap to damage relations with

will not help solve the problem but will lead to a civil war." The PFLP strike closed stores and offices in the West Bank town of Bethlehem and neigh-

treaty signed March 26, 1979. as stores and businesses else-

Past disputes on goals and tactics already have splintered the uprising leadership.

village of Jadideh, PFLP supporters badgered speakers from the Democratic Front until their joint The Muslim fundamentalist reports said. East German SPD leader quits;

old guards escape treason charge EAST BERLIN (Agencies) — Social Democrat (SPD) leader Ibrahim Boehme, a key figure in East Germany's fledgling demoas a democracy. cracy, stepped down temporarily Monday in protest against allega-

tions that he spied for the security At the same time East Germany's state prosecution service said it was dropping treason charges against disgraced former Communist leader Erich Honecker and three of his top aides -

allowing one of them to go free. Mnnday's events underline how much East Germany is still in thrall to its Stalinist past, despite the peaceful revolution last year that ended 40 years of hardline rule. Boehme continued to deny

allegations he was an informer for the Stasi secret police but said Monday he would temporarily leave his post until the allegations have been dismissed. Boehme, whose party finished a distant second in East Ger-

many's first free election March 18, is the latest of several politicians to come under suspicion of having belped the Stasi.

Lothar de Maiziere, the likely new premier whose Christian Democratic Union won the election, has strongly denied similar

The swirl of allegations is stalling efforts to form East Ger-

many's first demneratically elected government and has overshadowed the country's first week

Boeheme said he was temporarily leaving the chairmanship of the SPD to his deputy, Markus Meckel. The ousted Communist goverument used the \$5,000-member Stasi force to suppress dissent and

keep tight control over East Ger-

man society. The force also had

more than 100,000 informers and kept files on six million citizens in a population of just over 16 mil-Meanwhile, the official ADN news agency quoted the prosecutor general's office as saying charges of high treason could not

be sustained against the ailing

Honecker and his aides. But in-

vestigations into other crimes would continue. The aides involved were former Stasi Minister Erich Mielke, economics supremo Guenter Mittag and propaganda chief

Joschim Herrmann. "In the prosecutor general's investigations the suspicion of high treason or anticonstitutional activities... could not be confirmed," ADN quoted the prosecution service as saying.

ADN said Honecker, Mittag and Mielke were still under investigation for embezzling state funds to build personal houses, financial breach of trust and using state aircraft for private flights But Herrmann, who controlled the East German media with an iron fist, was facing only treason charges. The prosecutor general nrdered Herrmann's release from

investigative costody and the en-

tire case to be dropped. It seemed a marked change nf tone from last January when Prosecutor General Hans-Juergen Joseph told parliament they would stand trial for treason. describing them as parasites who expded "indescribable arro-

gance. The decision is likely to prompt popular outrage, still very much alive four months after the revolution.

At the weekend villagers vented 40 years of frustration and pent-up hatred nn Honecker when he was moved to a government guest house in the country from a Protestant pastor's home where he had been convalescing

after cancer surgery. Banging on the roof of his car and hurling abuse, the protesters forced Honecker and his wife Margot to return to the pastor's home at Lobetal north of Berlin.

Officials now want to transfer Honecker, 77, to a Soviet army sanatorinm in East Germany where he would be shielded from the wrath of the people he ruled seen as possible compromise

leader between Najibuliah and

the Mujahedeen Islamic rebels

Shah was unlikely to accept the

invitation to attend the meeting,

nor would the Mujahedeen lead-

ers based un Iran and Pakistan.

several major cities in the past

week at the start of their annual

spring offensive, have refused to

start peace talks until Najibullah

up their own interim government

based in Pakistan, blame the for-

mer secret police chief, his PDPA

and its Soviet backers for the

deaths of hundreds of thousands

Muzdak said hardline guerrilla

leader Gulhuddin Hekmatyar

and renegade former Defence

Minister Shanawaz Tanai would

not be invited to attend the front

congress. Tanai allied himself

with Hekmatyar after failing to

oust Najibullah in a coup on

In a series of other reforms

similar to those sweeping Eastern Europe, Najibullah has called for

the convening of a PDPA con-

gress to change the party's name,

formally renounce its monopoly

on power, embrace private enter-

prise and multi-party democracy,

and elect new leaders.

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Diplomats in Kabul said Zahir

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Kabul plans new broad-based 'peace front' for future coalition

KABUL (Agencies) — Exiled King Zahir Shah will be invited to return to Kabul shortly to attend the founding congress of a broad-based "peace front," a senior member of the ruling People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA) said.

Farid Ahmad Muzdak, a member of the 15-man PDPA politburo, told foreign reporters Sunday the deposed monarch would be asked to attend the congress along with Afghan political, social and religious leaders including others living in exile.

The peace front is the latest attempt hy the Soviet-backed government of President Najihullah to seek a negotiated end to Afghanistan's 11-year-old civil

The peace front will be the basis for a future coalition government," Muzdak said, emphasising that the new grouping would not simply be the PDPA masquerading under another

He said it would include nine political parties and five social organisations, although he conceded it would have a credibility

problem "The front will have a long way to go to draw people's trust," he

The peace front replaces the National Front the PDPA set up three years ago, but which most Afghans saw as merely a tool of

the ruling party. Muzdak, acting chairman of National Front, said the new front congress would be held

within four months. King Zahir Shah, deposed in 1973 and now living in Italy, is

One senior party official who asked not to be named said the president had also ordered the party to dismantie its cells in government offices, which give it enormous power over the state

The government is also calling "Loya Jirga," or traditional grand assembly, to ratify sweeping changes to banking and investment laws, including one that will allow foreign companies to wholly own Afghan project.

Muzdak said the Loya Jirga would probably take place in May, to be followed first by the peace front congress in June and then by the PDPA meeting.

3 rebel commanders killed

In a separate development, gunmen killed three Afghan rebel commanders and three bodyguards Sunday near the northwestern Pakistani town of Peshawar, rebel sources said.

The men belonged to the Harakat Inqilab-i-Islami guerrilla party of Mohammad Nabi Mohammadi, one of six groups forming the Pakistan-based rebel government fighting the Soviet-backed government in Kabal.

Among the dead were Mohammad Naseeh Akhunzada, Harakat commander for the southern province of Helmand, Maulvi Jamadar of the porthern province of Jozjan, and Mullah Ahmad Akhundzada, commander for Band Katakai area of Helmand.

They were travelling by jeep from Peshawar to the Harakat camp at Cherat in the east when gunmen opened fire, killing them

about the identity of the attackers, but the sources said they could be from a rival rebel group. Several Western-backed Afghan guerrilla commanders have been killed by rival groups during the 11-year-old Afghan war. Meanwhile, Afghan and West-

list of enemies was a long one. One diplomat said "it got to be a long list very quickly;" when he tried to identify those people who wanted to kill Akhundzada.

em sources said Akhundzada's

The rogue commander also had a loog-standing feud with a rival rebel group, Hezb-I-Islami, led hy Hekmatyar.

"He was the dead enemy of Hezb," said one Afghan guerrilla leader, who asked not to be identified. "He threw almost all Hezb people out of Helmand

"He was a strong, traditional Mullah," said Hamid Karzai, a rebel spokesman. "He was one of Harakat's strongest and most

powerful commanders," Last year Akhundzada waged a bloody drug war in Helmand province against a rival commander, who belonged to Rasul Sayyafs fundamentalist lttihad-Islami

unity guerrilla party.

The turf battle reportedly left scores dead and Sayyafs commander eventually abandoned the guerrillas and joined the govern-

Akhundzada's death came five days after one of Sayyafs field commanders, Painda Mohammad, was killed ontside Peshawar, said Qaribur Saeed, a spokesman for Hekmatyar's

MIDDLE EAST NEWS BRIEFS

Morocco, Namibia establish ties

RABAT (R) — Morocco and the newly independently Republic of Namibia have established full diplomatic relations, the Foreign Ministry said Monday.

Sudan predicts peace pact this year

ABU DHABI, UAE (AP) — The Sudanese government expects to sign a peace agreement with the sonthern rebels this year, Sudanese Minister of State for Defence Othman Mohammad Hassan was quoted Monday as saying. Hassan told the United Arab Emirates newspaper Al Khaleej that several states including Kenya, Ethiopia, Egypt, Uganda and Zaire were mediating between the government and rebels led by John Garang. Over 50 per cent of our differences with the rebels were solved in the second round of talks and the third and most crucial round will be held in two months, he said. He added that he expected a peace accord to be signed with the rebels of the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SLA) by the end of the year "to solve the dispute once and for all." Rebel spokesman said after peace talks in Angust in Addis Ababa and December in Nairobi that the negotiations were deadlocked. The ground for Hassan's optimism were not spelled out. Hassan's statements were published as the deputy leader of the military government ruling Khartoum was in Saudi Arabia on a surprise visit to discuss the latest developments related to the south Sudan problem.

Bourguiba growing restless

TUNIS (R) - Former Tunisian President Habih Bourguiba is growing restless in compulsory retirement and has been trying to seek clarifications on his legal status, family sources said Monday. Bourguiba, who ruled Tunisia from independence in 1956 until removed on grounds of senility in 1987, is living under close watch in a government house in the coastal town of Monastir. He is at least 86 years old. He has not been charged with any offence and the anthorities say he is free to go anywhere and see anyone be wishes. But Bourguiba has twice to send letters to the public prosecutor's department asking it to say if he is a free man. On the first occasion, just as he was about to hand the letter to his son, Habih Bourguiba Jur, he found the letter had disappeared from the envelope, the sources said. His grandson Mehdi took a second letter but Bourguiba's attendants took it from him as he left the house and Mehdi has not been able to visit Bourguiba again, they added. A government spokesman said he knew nothing about the letters. "He is a free citizen. He has never asked for anything which has been refused," he added.

Syria to move to summer time

DAMASCUS (R) - Syria will go over to summer time on April 1, moving clocks forward one hour at midnight, an official statement said Monday. Local time will then be three hours ahead of GMT.

North jails two Greek Cypriots

NICOSIA (R) --- A Turkish-Cypriot military court jailed two Greek

Cypriots Monday for crossing the island's green line into Turkisb held territory. Court sources said Demetris Louka, 20, a national guardsman, was sentenced to six months while Paris Christoforou, received 15 days. They were among five young Greek Cypriots detained in recent weeks for entering the breakaway north in protest at the division of the island. Two have been jailed for three months and for 20 days respectively and the other is expected to be sentenced Wednesday, Cyprus had been split between Greek and Turkish Cypriots since Turkey invaded in 1974 and occupied the northern third following an Athens-backed conp in Nicosia.

Kuwait may pull out of more groups

ABU DHABI (R) - Kuwait is considering pulling out of other Arab organisations which are failing due to lack of financial support from members, a Kuwaiti minister was quoted Monday as saying. "Kuwait is spearheading a drive to revise the performance of joint Arab have problems as fail to realise t tives," Finance Minister Jassim Mohammad Al Khorafi told the United Arab Emirates (UAE) newspaper Al Ittihad. Kuwait said last week it would quit the 13-nation Arab Economic Unity Council. citing financial problems within the Amman-based group and saying that it should be disbanded. "Kuwait has made a decision to stop subscribing to any Arab institution if 60 per cent of the members fail to pay their dues," he was quoted as saying. "The emergence of deficits in Gulf states balance of payments has made them aware of the burden of their financial contributions to Arab groups," Khorafi told the paper.

9 Swedes reported missing in Sudan

KHARTOUM (AP) - Nine Swedish tourists disappeared while diving in the Red Sea off Sadan's coast last week, a government newspaper reported Monday. Al Kuwat Al Musallah, which speaks for the armed forces, said the tourists vanished Wednesday in the scenic Romeo area famous for its coral reefs. The area lies north of Port Sndan, the country's main Red Sea outlet 672 kilometres northeast of Khartoum. It is considered a tourist attraction, but sharks occasionally have been seen there. The newspaper said Sudanese Navy men were still searching for the Swedes. It gave no other details. Gun Elfar, spokeswoman for the Swedish embassy in Cairo, Egypt, told the AP that the embassy had heard rumours about the disappearance of a group of Swedes in the Red Sea but had no definite information.

Sudan approves merger with Libya

KHARTOUM (R) — Sudan's Libyan-style "popular committees" have approved the integration pact signed between leaders of the two countries earlier this month, the official Sudanese News Agency (SUNA) said Sunday. It said the 1,500 members of the committees, a form of parliament, unanimously approved the pact agreed by military leader General Omar Al Bashir and Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi in Tripoli. The Sudanese leader was in Libya Sunday after attending celebrations marking the British withdrawal 20 years ago. The presidents of Egypt and Syria also attended.

Poland offers safe transport of Jewish immigrants

NEW YORK (R) - Polish Prime Minister Taeusz Mazowiecki has offered to help Soviet Jews wishing to emigrate to Israel and a government official said Poland was ready to provide safe transport from Warsaw to Tel Aviv.

Mazowiecki was speaking to the American Jewish Congress in New York two days after Hungary's state-owned Malev airlines announced it was stopping char-ter flights to Israel because of threats from a radical Palestinian guerrilla group.

"Just as in the Middle Ages. Poland gave refuge to Jews fleeing persecution, so today Poland will not evade humanitarian assistance to Jews Emigrating from the Soviet Union," he said. Mazowiecki did not elaborate on the offer of assistance, but his aide said that if asked, Poland

would provide safe transport to Israel for Soviet Jews. Poland's borders would be open to any Jews wishing to leave the Soviet Union, spokeswoman

Malgozata Niezabitowswa added. "We are not going to reject transit of Russian Jews to Israel. The prime minister made a commitment to help Russian Jews but at this point there are no details."

Niezabitowswa-said the open stance by Polland was a response to Malev's-cancellation of the charter flights because of threats from the radical Lehanon-based Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine.

The Hungarian government said Saturday it understand the airline's safety concerns but "regretted to hear about the decision which it considered an encouragement to international ter-POLISIE.

Arabs fear the Soviet Jews will be settled in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, where Palestinians engaged in an anti-Israeli uprising hope to set up an independent state.

Mazowiecki told some 500 members of the American Jewish Congress that it was important for Poles to "make a breakthrough" in their nearly 1,000year-old relationship with Jews. He said that after 50 years of totalitarian rule, Poland's new government wanted to reconcile itself with Jews of Polish descent around the world.

"We condemn anti-Semitism and we regret any attention to fostering hatred against the Jews," he said. "My country to all of you is hospitable and friendly. In Warsaw an official from the

state-owned LOT airline said his company was considering a request to fly emigrating Soviet Jews from Poland to Israel. A decision would be taken quickly. He refused to say who had

The official said good results on its regular service to Tel Aviv had prompted LOT earlier this month to raise its number of flights from Warsaw to two a week. The Israeli Airline El Al

approached LOT.

also runs two flights a week. The official also said LOT was considering setting up more regular connections rather than waiting for charter orders.

In Budapest, Malev insisted Monday it would not reverse its decision to stop transporting Soviet Jewish emigrants to Israel. Hungarian Agriculture Minis-

ter Csabl Hutter told Reuters in Tel Aviv Sunday the government opposed the ban. "I expect no difficulty with the

resumption of charter flights for immigrants from the Soviet Union via Hungary to Israel," Hutter said. He described the suspension as temporary.

JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE AND CALENDAR

Egypt's religious leaders meet to defuse feared sectarian strife CAIRO (AP) - Religious lead- ers in referring to the Al Minya dry the tears of those whose

ers met Monday in an effort to defuse feared sectarian strife after a number of attacks by Muslim extremists on Coptic Christians in southern Egypt. The government said it will crack down harshly on troublemakers.

Interior Minister Abdul Halim doussa told parliament that 216 Muslims and Coptic Christians were detained after the anti-Christian attacks this month in Al Minya province in sonthern

The detentions brought to more than 700 the number of people in preventive custody under a 1981 emergency law, Moussa told the Peoples Assembly Sunday.
"We meet after our country

was affected by a transient incident perpetrated by some ignorant people," Mohammad Ali Mahgoub, minister of religious endowments, told a group of Muslim and Coptic religious lead-

attacks.

The wise must now deal with these incidents, which are still limited, and must take precautions against a recurrence.

The meeting was part of government efforts to dampen fears of renewed communal friction after the attacks.

Pope Shenouda III, leader of the Orthodox Coptic Christian Church, sent a last-minute apology for not attending the meeting. But one of his representatives. Bishop Boulous Basili, urged the government to compensate those who had suffered losses in Al

Muslim activists stoned and tried to burn two churches and a youth club in the province. Three apartment buildings, a candy fac-tory and several Christian-owned shops were completely destroyed by fire, as were nine cars. Fifteen

persons were wounded. "The government must help

property and millions (of pounds) were burnt, although it will not be able to compensate them for the fear they lived through,

Bishop Basili said. He drew angry comments from Muslim sheikhs in the audience when he charged that some Muslim religious leaders publicly accused Christians of being atheists. Basili also claimed that some Muslim children were taught to consider Christians their enemies. He urged that schools, mosques and churches teach the young to respect and love mem-

bers of other religions. The Coptic Church was founded in Egypt in the year 40 A.D. by Gospel writer St. Mark. Over the centuries, there have been scattered periods of strife betwen the Christian minority and Muslim majority in Egypt.

Of the nation's 55 million people, between 5 and 6 million are Christians.

Tunisia opposition may boycott polls to join the elections.

TUNIS (R) - Tunisia's two main opposition parties threatened Monday to boycott local elections in May which could deal a blow to attempts to move the country towards a multi-party system.

Tunisia's main recognised opposition party, Movement of Socialist Democrats (MDS), said it would not take part in the elections unless the government made radical reforms in the electoral system.

"We can't take part unless we have sufficient guarantees that the elections will take place democratically," Mohammad Moada, the secretary general of the MDS, told Reuters.

The unrecognised Nahdha Movement, the Islamist group which is probably the second political force in Tunis after the ruling party, said it was unlikely

We are still watching the situation but all the indications are that we will not participate, Nahdha spokesman Ali Laaridh told Reuters. Political sources say the smaller

opposition groups have not decided whether to take part but are likely to follow the lead of the MDS and the Nahdha. A mass opposition boycott of

the elections, which must take place by the end of May, would deal a hlow to President Zine Al Abidine Ibn Ali's efforts to move Tunisia towards a working multiparty system.

Moada said the MDS wants the government to revise the whole electoral code, separate the ruling party from the state and create "a political climate conducive to democratic elections."

Nabdba Movement members. standing as independents, won about 13 per cent of the vote in general elections in April 1989 hut the ruling Democratic Consti-tutional Union (RCD) won all 141 seats in parliament, partly because of the voting system.

The government has recently

offered some opposition parties

to introduce an element of proportional representation in local elections but not in general elec-Under the present system for parliamentary elections, the party which wins the most votes in a constituency takes all the seats

up to nine members. The opposition parties accuse the government and ruling party of continuing practices associated with a one-party state.

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Fadlallah denies links to hostage issue

BEIRUT (Agencies) - Iran's most influential ally in Lebanon, Sheikh Mohammad Hussein Fadlallah, has denied links to hostage-takers in Beirut but urged a quick end to the plight of 17 Wes tern captives. "I have oo links whatsoever to

consider that I have nothing to do with the root of the problem," Fadlallah told the pro-Syrian Ash Sharq newspaper Monday. RAT I SIMBAR DA TO SOCIEZ responsible words to the people and all the parties concerned with

this (hostage) issue because I

this issue to close this file once and for all," be added. He described as "totally untrue" media reports that he had

been officially authorised by Iran to resolve the hostage issue.

Fadlallah is believed to be the spiritual mentor of the pro-Iraman Hizbollah (Party of God), ners, including eight Americans and three Britons. Last month he appealed for the release of the hostages. Iranian President Ali Akbar

Hashemi Rafsanjani told a news

conference on March 7 that the

widely thought to have been be-

hind the abduction of the Wester-

hostage issue was moving towards a solution. Iran's First Deputy Foreign Minister Ali Mohammad Besharati said last week the nostages could be ireed January.

The Iranian English-language Tehran Times newspaper said Sunday that countries who want to belp release the hostages in Lebanon must press Israel to free Arab prisoners and a kidnapped

Shi'ite Muslim cleric. Fadlallah was quoted Monday as saying there are positive elements in the issue of the hostages.

"There are positive elements. within the context of what we detect through media reports in more than one place, that suggest elements of a solution exist in the hostage crisis," Fadlallah said.

Fadlallah visited Damascus dur-

ing former U.S. President Jimmy Carter's visit to the Syrian capital earlier this month. Diplomatic sources said the two did not meet. Fadlallah's remarks came four days after his press office released a terse statement q

cleric as saying when asked about the possibility of a hostage release in a radio interview: "A new situation has emerged. hut I don't know when, how or

where." The statement did not claborate. Fadlallah's remarks have

heightened speculation that there is movement in efforts to secure the release of hostages.

Kahane plans comeback to expel all Arabs

speak out against Israel," he said.

TEL AVIV (R) — Hardline Rabbl' Meir Kahane, whose party was banned from parliament for racism, announced plans Monday for a political comeback on a programme to expel all Arabs, calling them a "cancer" on Israel.

The former parliamentarian told a news conference ahead of his trial next week for inciting hatred that his Kach Party would fight the next election. And he planned to organise a

protest against Israeli Arabs who have dedicated the nationalist holiday of Land Day Friday to Palestinians waging a 27-monthold nprising against Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Israelis have killed more than

630 Palestinians during the up-

rising.
"I think it is an outrage that we

sit quietly and allow Arabs to

that sparked his prosecution saying: "Arabs are a cancer within our midst." The fiery rabbi wants to expel

the 600,000 Arab citizens of Israel and the 1.75 million Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. They are a danger to us.

Anyone who believes that the Arabs of the Galilee (in Israel) are different from the Arabs of Nablus (in the West Bank) is either a fool or naive," he said. American-born Kahane's Kach

Party was banned from parliament in 1988 for espousing racism. Before immigrating to Israel, the rabbi headed the militant Jewish Defence League in New York. "We'll come back and we'll be

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running in the next election," the bearded, 57-year-old leader told Kahane repeated the remarks reporters at his party headquarters outside Jerusalem's main vegetable market. He said he stood by his July

statements and would challenge the law at his trial. Kahane faces a five-year prison

term if convicted of charges in inciting hatred and subversion by blaming the government for a Palestinian attack on a bus the killed 16 Jews on the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem Highway in July.

He made the remarks at a rally one day after a Gaza Strip Palestinian forced the bus off the road into a deep rivine.

Since being banned, Kahane has faded from public life but Graffiti around Israel calls for a popular referendum to bring him back to government.

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RJ increases its **Amman-London flights**

AMMAN (J.T.) - Royal Jorda- Amman-London route transportnian (RJ), the national airline is now operating five weekly flights between London and Amman under the terms of an agreement concluded with British Airways (BA), an RJ statement announced Monday.

It said that the deal leaves the option open for RJ to operate a sixth weekly flight between the two cities during the summer

Originally RJ used to operate four trips between Amman and London while BA, which closed its offices due to a decline in business, used to operate three flights weekly.

BA has now stopped all flights from Amman to London and vice versa. According to airport officials, the last flight took off from Amman last Friday.

Under the agreement, RJ will act on behalf of BA on the

ing passengers on behalf of the British carrier and will also maintain and service BA Tristar aircraft at its workshop located at the Queen Alia International The statement said RJ will use

its Airbus 300/310 planes which have a three class category on the Amman-London route.

RJ Sunday evening organised a special ceremony to mark the occasion. RJ and BA officials were among those attending.

In another development, the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) Monday announced that Cyprus Airlines will resume its flights to Amman following a break of five

A statement said that the Cyprus Airlines will operate three weekly flights to Amman as of June 1990. RJ has been operating three weekly flights to Cyprus.

Ramadan message urges adherence to Islam

AMMAN (Petra) — The Ministry of Awgaf and Islamie Affairs Monday issoed a statement addressed to all Muslims on the eve of the start of the holy month of Ramadan urging them to abide by the teachings of Islam and to respect its principles and religious laws. The statement urged Muslims to offer alms to the poor, offer sacrifice and behave proper-

"This is a holy month which, requires from all Muslims to take stock of their conduct and behaviour, and it is a period for repressing lust and desire," the

"Ramadan is a time for unity among Muslims, of true and genuine cooperation and closing of ranks that can help them liber-ate the usurped boly places from the Zionist occupation forces," the statement said.

The statement paid tribute to the Palestinians in the intifada for their heroic struggle to liberate

the holy lands. Government offices will open at 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Restaurants are not open in the daytime since fasting lasts from

NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF

King, UAE official meet

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein received at Al Nadwa Palace Monday Sheikh Mohammad Ben Zayed, air force commander of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), who conveyed to the King greetings from UAE President Sheikh Zayed Ben Sultan Al Nahayan. Attending the meeting were His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, His Royal Highness Prince Faisal, Chief of the Royal Court Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker, the King's political advisor Adnan Abu Odeh, the commander of the Royal Jordanian Air Force and UAE ambassador to Jordan.

Kabariti meets Syrian officials

DAMASCUS (Petra) - Minister of Tourism Abdul Karim Al Kabariti held talks with Syrian officials in charge of tourism affairs and discussed the prospect of launching joint programmes for marketing Jordan and Syria through of one system. Kabariti, who tourism programmes and projects. He said later that agreement had been reached on holding a meeting of tourism officials from both countries public and private sectors to study prospects for future cooperation. Kabariti said he would meet with Syrian Prime Minister Mahmoud Al Zoubi to deliver a message from Prime Minister Mudar Badran dealing with cooperatioo in tourism with the cootext of resolutions passed by the joint Jordanian-Syrian Higher Committee meetings.

Crime panel passes amendments

AMMAN (Petra) - The National Higher Committee for Combatting Crime Monday approved amendments concerning the responsibilities of some of its members and the arrangements taken to convene a symposium entitled "Crime and Society" next July. The committee, in a meeting Sunday under the chairmanship of Public Security Department (PSD) Director Major-General Fadel Ali Fheid, discussed a report by the scientific committee on working papers to be presented in the symposium.

Awaaf ministry prepares lessons

AMMAN (Petra) — A religious programme for the month of Ramadan was prepared by the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Preaching Department. The programme which includes religious lessons during the day and the sahour (pre-dawn meal) periods will be held at King Abdullah Ibn Al Hussein and Al Husseini mosques. The ministry has requested from all its departments all over the Kingdom to prepare similar programmes to celebrate Ramadan.

Jordan marks theatre day

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan marks Tuesday, along with other nations of the world, the international theatre day. The Ministry of Culture has prepared a programme of plays for adults and children, according to the ministry's Theatre Department Director Hatem Al Sayyed. He said that the ministry, in cooperation with local theatre groups in Amman and Irbid, had prepared several plays tacking problems of society.

JUST marks Jerusalem week

RAMTHA (Petra) - Student Scientific Societies and Studeot Affairs Deanship at the Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST) held several activities to mark the Jerusalem week and Land Day. The activities included a concert by university's hands and reading poetry that praised the intifada and highlighted the status of Jerusalem for Muslims. In another development a seminar on the agricultural systems in Jordan was opened at JUST. The two-day seminar is organised by the university's Faculty of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine in cooperation with the National Centre for Agricultural Research and the Transfer of Technology.

Technical workshop begins

KARAK (Petra) — A rechnical workshop for the educational sector in Karak, Maan, Tafilah, Aqaba, Al Mazar and Al Qasr was opened Monday in Karak. The workshop which is organised by the Ministry of Education aims at developing the participants talents and acquainting them with the activities of such workshops. The two-day workshop was opened by Karak Educatioo Department Director Hani Al Mahamid.

43 bakers graduate

AMMAN (Petra) — A total of 43 Jordanians Sunday graduated after completing a six-month course organised by the Vocational Training Corporation (VTC). The graduation ceremony, which took place at the Yajouz training centre, was attended by VTC Director-General Burhan Al Shraideh.



Badran reassures south of firm resolve to provide assistance

TAFILEH (Petra) — On his third and final day of a tour of the soothern regions of Karak, Tafileb and Maan, Prime Minister Mudar Badran Monday visited local factories and the Rashadieh cement plant in the Tafileh gov-

After touring the plant, Badran was briefed hy the chairman of the board of directors about the factory's progress and future plans. He was told that 85 per cent of the workers in the plant came from the southern regions of Jordan, mainly from Tafileh.

Badran who was accompanied by several ministers and senior officials had earlier toured the Maan and Karak governorates. During his Maan, Karak visit, he discussed in detail questions of concern to the southern regions, in particular the urgent economic assistance the government had pledged to drought-stricken

At a public rally held in Tafileh and attended by prominent public figures and local officials, Badran said that the JD 1.5 million aid from the Arab Potash Company and the Jordanian Phosphate Mines Company as well as the \$1 million made available by the government will be distributed equally to the three governorates.

He said that special committees will be set up immediately inorder to determine the urgent needs in the three areas.

These committees, according to Badran, will be given extensive



Tafileh residents and officials Monday attend a meeting with Prime Minister Mudar Badran and cabinet members

powers to distribute funds.
"The government assisted by the sincere efforts of the Jordanian people, is determined to overcome the present difficulties in the south," the prime minister told the gathering. He said that His Majesty King Hussein had issued directives to the government to do all it can to provide rgent assistance to the people of

Following the meeting, the prime minister and the officials accompanying him visited bedown tribes in Huweitat, Jafer and Huseinich districts, where be heard residents' demands for improved services.

The Jordan News Agency, Petra, said Monday that the prime minister was given working papers during his visit to Tafileh. They requested government tion, agriculture, municipal and assistance in solving problems re-

ture, water supply and an animal

The paper was presented by Khalaf Maharmeh, the Tafileh governor. He said that local farmers were demanding reapir of artesian wells, construction of dams to collect rain water and trucks to supply water for remote

Residents also requested improved health services and a reevaluation of an agreement between the local councils and the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment concerning the lighting of streets and road repair.

Ministers of social development, health, public works and housing, transport and telecommunications, education and higher educatioo, water and irrigalated to unemployment, agricul- accompanied Badran on his tour.

Committee urges Jordan, Syria to launch joint construction projects

AMMAN (Petra) — A Jordanian-Syrian committee has urged the two countries to launch joint construction projects and to give the opportunity to contractors in both countries to benefit from or participate in construction schemes carried ont by either

The committee, which concluded a meeting in Damascus Sunday, said in a statement to the Jordan News Agency, Petra, that agreement was reached oo holding joint workshops. The committee also said that Jordan and Syria should exchange expertise in preparing programmes and training to improve the efficiency of employees, technicians and engineers in housing.

The committee was set up by the joint Jordanian-Syrian Higher Committee, which met under the

ters of the two countries last January in Amman.

chairmanship of the prime minis-

Jordan's side to the meeting was headed by Yousef Hiyasat, director-general of the Housing Corporation. He said the two sides discussed launching joint construction projects and cooperation in all matters related to construction, public works and

Ways to ensure the safety of. the environment, to stem internal migration and to provide maintenance to public utilities in urban areas were among the topics dis-cussed at the three-day meeting in Damascus," Hiyasat said.

He said the committee passed several measures designed to help the two sides achieve legislation integratioo governing construction and engineering consultancy. According to the committee's decision, Syria will try to benefit from a Jordanian plant which manufactures traffic lights and the Jordanian system of classifying contractors and engineering

consultancy offices. Hiyasat said that both sides agreed to treat cor racting firms in Syria and Jor ; on equal footing whenever assible and Syria will try to benefit from Jordan's experience in protecting the environment.

Hiyasat, who was accompanied by two officials from the Ministry of Puhlie Works and Housing and Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment, said that the committee decided to hold its next meetiog io Amman in Au-

Computers slowly become integral part of education

By Hana Darwazah Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A British specialist in computer education currectly working on introducing computers within the education system in schools all over the Kingdom described the process as "slow in light of the centralised edocational system in Jordan

But although project officer Joho Wood helieves that changes in the existing system is a slow process he maintained that students and teachers currently experimenting with the project "are doing well and adapting to the oew process of

Computers have already been introduced to 163 schools of approximately 250 students each in various parts of the Kingdom.

The project is mainly funded with a combination of soft loans and open grants from the British government; "the project aims to develop Jordanian abilities by employing Jordanian staff," Wood said. A number of Ministry of

Education's employees have already received training in the United Kingdom and are expected to train, in turn, their Jordanian colleagues.

The main aim of the project, according to Wood, is to familiarise future generations with Children are increasingly using computers in schools but their

extension to schools is spreading slowly according to some experts

technology and "to encourage students to think and work io groups, to use computers to enhance working skills consisteut with Jordan's oew educational philosophy." Wood believes that the in-

trodoction of technological skills in schools is "necessary" and will contribute positively to create "new changes in attitudes towards old ways of thinking. Wood, who is currently oo a

two-year consultancy contract with the Ministry of Education, said the ministry will undertake all responsibility for maintenance and upkeep of the computers in the future. "The staff will be totally

Jordanian, backed up by British consultants if the need for The British financing comes

as part of development programmes undertaken by the Overseas Development Administration (ODA) io the United Kingdom."

The computer programme used in this project is Al Afgah which Wood described as "a simple programmiog eoviron-ment involving problem solving skills."

According to Wood, five new programmes in maths, Enelish and Arabic will be introduced at various school levels next year.

In answer to a questioo on whether the programme will be extended to Jordanian universities Wood said: "Recommendations have been made by us but the final decision will have to be taken by the Ministry of Edocation.

Archaeologists trace million years of man in Jordan

By Alistair Lyon Reuter

PELLA - The fertile hills around the ancient settlement of Pella are yielding traces of a million years of human activity in the Jordan Valley.

Archaeologists digging here for 12 years under the direction of professor Basil Hennessy of Sydney University have uncovered a record of human existence reaching back to Stone Age hunters and forward to Ottoman times, and most of

the years in between. "With this single site, we will eventually be able to rewrite the entire archaeological history of northern Jordan," said dig coordinator Alan Walm-sley, also of Sydney Universi-

Pella, watered by a perennial stream, hes at about sealevel in the ooce-forested foothills of the northern Jordao Valley. 90 kilometres northwest of Amman.

A popular picnic spot, especially when spring flowers car-pet the hillsides, it once straddied ancient trade routes linking Arabia, India and China with Syria, Anatolia, Greece

Villagers now graze flocks of sheep and goats among the remains of Roman, Byzantine and Islamic buildings that dot the slopes overlooking the Jordan River.

But the visible ruins, less spectacular than the ancient rock city of Petra in the south or the Greco-Roman town of Jerash to the east, tell only a fraction of Pella's story.

"The importance of Pella is that we are establishing a historical and occupational sequence of the site from the very earliest periods down to the Ottoman era," said Ghazi Bisheh, director of the Department of Antiquities.

He said the discovery of an Abbasid settlement at Pella could help to change a widelyheld view that Jordan declined in population and importance after the Ahbasids defeated the Omayyad dynasty aod transferred the capital of the Muslim empire from Damascus to Baghdad in the mid-

eighth century A.D. 'There's now strong archaeological evidence that the decline was oot as drastic or comprehensive as thought," he said.

Occupation at Pella moved slightly north of earlier sites after an earthquake in 747

A.D. "It has given us the best collection of Ahhasid pottery and glass in Jordan," said Australian archaeologist Margaret O'Hea.

"We have complete vessels dating from the 8th to the 10th centuries, as well as a city street and a courtyard." The absence of earlier or later remains at the site, just one metre below the surface,

allows precise dating. "Several seasons of meticulous work at Pella have allowed notable advances in our knowledge of the ceramic typology of the Byzantine, Omayyad and Abbasid periods," Bisheh

Uotil geological changes culminating about 11,000 years ago, Pelia lay by a giant lake known as Lissan of which the present-day Dead Sea and Lake Galilee were part, Walmsley said.

Stooe tools to slaughter animals were discovered at a camp used by hunter-gatherers near Pella around 17,500 B.C. Basalt querns, mortars and

pestles found near Pella point to agriculture emerging after the end of an Ice Age brought warmer temperatures. The 200-metre deep lake slowly receded due to evaporation and movements in the earth's crust.

Excavatioo of a settlement at Wadi Al Hammeh, two kilometres from Pella, has shown that people of the Natufian period around 10,000 B.C.

gathered wild barley and other plants, hunted gazelle, sheep and goats, and practised arts and crafts.

Their mudstooe slabs engraved with conceotrie square motifs - prized finds for the Pella archaeologists — are among the earliest surviving "rock-art" from the prehistoric

Near East. By the 16th or 15th centuries B.C. Pella appears to have been a prosperous city, trading with Cyprus, Egypt and Syria.

A beautifully carved ivory inlaid box from this period is among a range of cultural artefacts that include silver and jewellery, cosmetics in alabaster vessels, conch shells, steatite scarab signets, gold thread and bronze pins.

The city's fortunes ehbed and flowed until it was abandoned for more than two centuries after Persian rule from 539 to 332 B.C.

Cootemporary historians began referring to Pella again after Alexander the Great conquered the Middle East in 333 B.C. and it enjoyed fresh prosperity in the second and first centuries B.C., trading widely and minting its own

It continued to expand under Roman rule in the first three hundred years after Christ and had a population of up to 25,000 in the Byzantine era in the fifth and sixth centuries A.D.

Decline linked with earthquakes, invasions and plague affected Pella before the Muslim army defeated the Byzantines at nearby Fihil in 635 A.D. and subdued the city peacefully.

Archaeological evidence indicates that a Christian minority coexisted with the Muslims for centuries after the Islamic conquest, but Pella gradually lost its importance as a trading centre and was abandoned some time during the 16th cen-

King

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On Monday, the PLO delegatioo was received hy Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Salem Masa'adeh and Minister of Culture Khaled Al Karaki in separate meetings. In an interview with the Jordan

Times, Abed Rahbo described his talks in Amman, the first-ever Jordan-PLO dialogue oo ministerial level, as "a new stage in Jordanian-PLO relations." He said the new stage was made possible by Jordan's disen-

gagement from the West Bank io July 1988, the resumption of parhameotary life in the Kingdom and the formation of the government of Mudar Badran. "The dialogue affirms the dis-engagement decision and rectifies

the negative aspects that initially accompanied the decisioo,' Abed Rahbo, a member of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP), told the Jordan Times. He said his talks in Amman over the last two days had pro-

duced an initial agreement on four points of action in Jordanian-Palestinian coopera-tion in the field of information: — The development and production of a Hebrew-language television programme in coordioatioo with the existing Hebrew-language news program-

fluence public opinioo in Israel, - Cooperation between Jordan and the PLO in television production, drama and theatre was also discussed in an effort to promote the Palestinian uprising.

me which would address and in-

- Efforts to televise educational programmes prepared by the Al Quds Open University and other university-level educational programmes in an attempt to aid those who have been deprived of university education during the 27-month-old intifada were also discussed.

- Cooperatioo in cultural events and the publication of leaflets and pamphlets promoting the intifada were also discussed. It was agreed that cooperation between the Jordan News Agency, Petra, and the Palestinian news agency WAFA would con-

WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from moothly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed

time and place with the concerned institutions. **EXHIBITIONS**

★ Exhibition of plastic artists Arij Al Hamad and Ibrahim Al Nabahneh at the Housing Bank Complex.

☆ Art exhibition by seven Iraqi artists at Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation (10 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

* Art exhibition entitled "Spanish contemporary engravings" at the Royal Cultural Centre.

* Art exhibition by Ahmad Nawash at the French Cultural ☆ The spring exhibition of Bani Hamida women's weaving project at the Bani Hamida House - Jabal Amman, Rainbow Street.

FILMS ☆ Soviet video entitled "Geniuses of the Soviet Ballet" at the

☆ Exhibition of paintings by Issam Tantawi at Alia Art Gallery.

Soviet Cultural Centre - 5:00 p.m. ☆ Arabic film entitled "Kufur Qasem" at Abdul Hameed Shoman

Foundation - 7:00 p.m.

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Putting the cart before the horse

Trie deputies' vehement attack yesterday on the press for publishing some details of last Tuesday's secret session of the Lower House of Parliament which tackled corruption and mismanagement is tantamount to putting the cart before the horse. It is a simple equation, for the press could not have obtained the information had it not been through the cooperation of the legislators themselves. It may be ironic that the same House members who at one point worked nand-in-hand with Jordanian journalists towards securing freedom of the press are now accusing it of corruption. The deputies should be the first to realise that the Jordanian journalists are not willing to relinquish their hard-won freedom by accepting the legislature's dictates after struggling for so many years to win this freedom. In reinra, they should indeed know that we in the press do not deny the important role which the present House has played in the democratisation process, including winning democratic rights for the press as well. If anything, the legislators should be proud of the Jordanian press for time fact that it was living up to the expectations that go with our democratic march, It is bed enough that the press has to deal with human prejudices and self-centred egoism; nobody needs ceasorship from the very branch of the state which has shed so many tears over its "rubber stamp" decisions over the years. To cordon-off any part of the breathing space of the Jordanian press, at this juncture, is totally unjustifiable and counterproductive. No press worth its salt can honourably and faithfully perform the task expected by the public without sufficient heway and sincere cooperation especially from our legislators.

Lest our parliamentarians continue to misinterpret the crisis which they themselves have created and have only themselves to blame for it, the press revelations of the session's minutes in no Jordanian "Watergate" by any stratch of the mind. The deputies made the wrong decision in the first pince when they voted to discuss the issue of corruption in camera. What ensued from that error of judgement must be borne by the House alone. Many deputes have already incurred the wrath of their coustituencies straight on the heels of the confusion that reigned supreme in the legislative debate on bow to deal with corruption, a paramount item on the agenda.

in the ongoing scenario on the corruption satire, several deputies simply gave Jordanian people with one hand what they attempted to deny them with the second. And to shift the blame now on the press for this double-faced tactic would only jeopardise even the integrity of the entire House. It would have been much more benourable and fitting for the Parliament to just accept responsibility for the issue and reirain from passing the back. This would be the only way for it to redsem part of the image it has lost over the affair.

Jordan Press Editorials

Al Ra'i daily on Monday referred in its editorial to the primeminister's participation in open discussions on ways to introduce improvements in the condition of the people in the droughtstricken areas of Jordan. The paper said that Mudar Badran has expressed the govenrment's ready response to the needs of the local inhabitants and proved that the credibility of the government had high marks. The paper said that the dialogue initiated by Badran with representatives of the three governorates of Tafileh Maan and Karak reflected the deep responsibility which the government was shouldering towards these areas and its realisation of the plight of their people. It was like a meeting grouping these in government position and the ordinary people of the three regions who presented their demands and requests with confidence and with bope, said the paper. It added that the inhabitants of the south have showed a great degree of responsibility both in their discussions with the ministers and in their readiness to enhance cooperation with the local authorities for the implementation of projects benefitting their areas and their

A columnist in Al Ra'i daily reflects on the instances in which food supplies were found to be unfit for buman consumption and seized and destroyed by the Ministry of Supply. Salah Abdul Samad says that the ordinary citizens have the right to ask about guarantees which the ministry can take to ensure a nonrecurrence of such instances at any future time. The writer proposes the creation of an independent laboratory unit with full powers like those given to the judiciary, to conduct tests, reach decisions and publish findings in the press without any hesitation and without any influence by any party. He says this is one way of ensuring that all sample of food supplies offered to the public are sare for human consumption, and it is a sure way of avoiding imposition ci fines and senators' terms. The writer says that the ministry's work will be more efficient if it receives the laboratory test before anyone else, because it can lay its bands on the bad or contaminated foodstuffs and destroy them before reaching the

Al Dusteur daily newspaper strongly attacked the U.S. Senate for passing a resolution supporting Israel's annexation of the boly city of Jerusalem, and said that the decision displayed the lack of senator wisdom and justice. The decision made a mockery of the American constitution which respects burnan rights and upholds sublime principles and human values, the paper added. The Senate's decision was immoral and reflects a total disregard to buman values and contradicts American government resolutions and firm policy which considered the city as part of the occupied Arab territories. What is more shocking, the paper said, is that the Senate's decision came at a time when the Bush administration was striving to initiate fresh peace efforts to find a solution for the Arab-Israeli conflict, and therefore such decision can only result in doing harm to U.S. policies and U.S. interests. One can only interpret this action, it said, as a means to undermine the U.S. administration's efforts and impede all progress towards the estbalishment of a lasting peace in the Middle East.

Egypt-Syria: reconciliation after 12 year estrangement

By Martin Marris The Associated Press

NICOSIA, Cyprus — Talks in Libya between presidents Hosni Mubarak of Egypt and Hafez Al Assad of Syria have sealed the end of a 12-year rift, bringing diplomatic gains for both countries.

The one-bour meeting took place late Saturday during a ceremony at Tobruk marking the 20th anniversary of the expulsion of British forces from Libya.

The history of relations between Syria and Egypt is a stormy one. The two countries were joined for three years as the United Arab Republic with Gamal Abdnl Nasser as head of state, but the union broke down in acrimony in 1961. The rapprochement has

been a long time in coming. Diplomatic relations were resumed last December. Ties had been broken a month after the late Egyptian president, Anwar Sadat, flew to Jerusalem in 1977 to begin the process that led to the Camp David peace treaty two years

"In one sense, it's a defeat for Syria," said a Western di-plomat in Damascus. Like other foreign observers, he attributed the move largely to Assad's desire to escape from diplomatic isolation after Egypt was readmitted to the Arah League last May and other Arab nations resumed diplomatic ties.

But the diplomat, who like other sources in Damascus insisted on anonymity, said the move also presented opportunities for the 59-year-old Syrian president to persuade fellow Arab leaders to follow his firm line toward Israel.

By meeting Mnbarak, Assad has shown once again that he is a master of manoeuvre in the Arab World, limiting his losses by joining the Arab mainstream without abandoning his policies, diplomats said.

For Mubarak, the reconciliation with Assad is a big payoff for his cautious policy of acting as a go-between between Israel, the United States and the Palestinians on the one hand while working to improve

enemy of the Jewish state and Assad has vowed to continue building up his forces until he reaches strategic parity with Israel so the Arab World can negotiate from a position of strength.

But the Soviet Union, preoccupied with internal affairs and economic problems, has told Syria that the parity concept is no longer tenable and said Damascus, a major Soviet ally, sive needs.

Syrian and Soviet military leaders have agreed to the withdrawal from Syria of an undisclosed number of Soviet military instructors, an informed Syrian source said.

Meanwhile, ties between the Soviet Union and Israel have slowly improved. The two countries have set up modest representation in each others capitals and are exchanging low-level visits.

Earlier this month Assad ex-

formerly Communist countries dropped their hostility to the Jewish state.

Syria is at odds with Palestine Liberation Organisation leader Yasser Arafat and has rejected his peace initiative towards Israel, which is strongly backed by Egypt and the United States.

There is no sign yet that Assad is cutting support for Damascus-based, anti-Arafat

the current process involving Egypt, the PLO, the United States and Israel aimed at holding elections for Palestinians in Israeli-occupied Arab remitories.

Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter said after a meeting with Assad earlier this month that Syria is ready for bilateral talks with Israel if they include the Golan Heights.

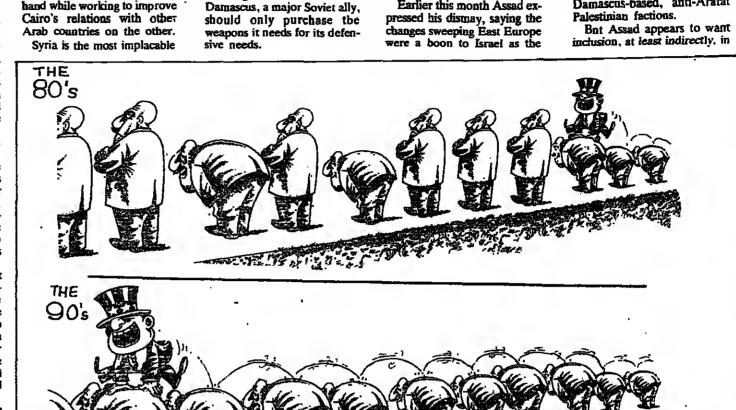
Egyptian officials in Cairo said they expect solid, but not too close, relations with Syria in view of Egypt's close ties with Iraq. Syria's arch-rival in the Arab World. as well as Mubarak's customary caution. A meeting between the two

leaders after December's resumption of diplomatic ties was originally expected to take place in Syria. There were several Syrian reports of an imminent Damascus meeting. But Mubarak nevet showed up, perhaps unwilling to be seen as knocking on Assad's door, perhaps fearing resentment by Iraq.
Diplomats in Damascus said

the Egyptian president would like to act as a matchmaker between Assad and Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. Bet given the deep hostility hetween two of the Arab World's most ruthless and ambitious leaders, there were no signs that there will be an opportunity for reconciliation.

Intensifying the feud between the Iraqi and Syrian wings of the Arab Baath Socialist Party, ruling in both countries, Baghdad has supplied weapons to Lebanon's anti-Syrian Christian leader, Gen. Michel Aoun.

Syria was the only major Arab country to side with Persian Iran in its war against Arab Iraq.



Dangers await South Africa

By Rodney Pinder Reuter

Namibia have set South Africa sailing with a fair international wind for the first time in decades, but treacherous shoals lie directly ahead.

Time is on no one's side as whites and blacks try to navigate to safety, but deep distrust between them militates against easy or quick solutions, political analysts say. White President F.W. de Klerk

bas set a swift course of change, achieving in months what sceptics doubted would be done in years. But the very speed has raised black expectations and white nervousness, threatening the refor-mist leader with trouble from the white right if he maintains his stunning pace or the black left if he slows down to consolidate his gains.

At the same time, the African National Congress (ANC) of Nelson Mandela, newly released from a 30-year hanning order. must obtain more for its hungry, long subjugated supporters and as the party aspiring to power, demonstrate it can command and control a fractious and often violent opposition movement.

The run-up to the opening on April 11 of exploratory talks between de Klerk and the ANC sees the white South African government basking in an unaccustomed glow of world approval for releasing its grip on Namibia, a colony for 75 years, for freeing Mandela after 27 years in jail, and for lifting bans on the ANC and other proscribed black and leftwing organisations.

"There is no doubt we have come in from the cold," declared a senior government official after a host of world leaders, led by the U.S., Soviet, West German. Japanese and British foreign ministers beat an unprecedented path to South Africa's doorstep last week to celebrate Namibia's independence.

But if South Africa, for 40 years an international pariah because of its apartheid racial policies, is to capitalise on these gains de Klerk must begin to deliver on his promises of irreversible, fundamental change, the analysts

Black opposition groups and many of their sympathisers at home and abroad remain deeply suspcious that the ruling National Party has in fact decided to legislate itself and the white people it represents out of power after 200

Veleran black activist Dr. Nthato Motlana, a close friend of Mandela's, told Reuters he remains deeply distrustful of the

white government's true inten-

'The South African situation is JOHANNESBURG — Dramatic not irreversible. There can still be political reforms and freedom for backsliding. The Rubicon can be crossed as The point of no return would only come, he said, when blacks shared power with whites in a transitional government to prepare for a one-man, one-vote

> grated into the white army. "I don't see this happening now," he said. "I don't see the Afrikaners baving made the big leap that separates them from a non-racial democracy."

majority rule democracy, and the

ANC guerrillas had been inte-

Government talk of "group rights" enshrined in a new constitution to protect minorities is seen by many blacks as merely a cover for continued white privilege and economic supremacy. "Group rights is completely un-acceptable," Motlana declared.

From bis clinic in the restive black township of Soweto, the physician and community leader predicted that on April 11 the ANC would insist that before substantive peace negotiarions could begin the government must lift a three-year state of emergency, which invests the white-led security forces with Draconian powers, and free all remaining political prisoners.

However, analysts said de Klerk may already be too far out in front of his own white constituency and must proceed with caution if is he not to risk his own power base. A significant minority of whites

opposes de Klerk's reforms outright while others — their numbers impossible at this stage to determine - say he has gone too far too fast with the only response from blacks being Oliver Twistlike requests for more. A rising tide of violence across

the country, pitting black faction against black, and occasionally hlack against white, has deeply disturbed many whites, by no means all conservatives. They point to fruitless appeals

for peace from Mandela, the icon of black nationalism, and question how much the ANC, the biggest opposition grouping. is in control of events. Tribal warfare has scarred too

many young, independent black nations for white South Africans'

"De Klerk's position is a great deal more precarious than people realise, with white politics on the crest of a backlash and in black politics serious doubts about the ANC's ability to deliver a deal," said independent political analyst Robert Schrine of Cape Town University.

"We may look back in a year or so to this being the time of false

Reaching into people's lives

By Douglas Hamilton Reuter

EAST BERLIN - If some East Germans elected to parliament last Sunday were once informers for the state security police, they belonged to a club so buge and secret its members spied unwittingly on each other.

The Stasi, as the force of 85,000 was unfoundly known, ran a network of at least 109,000 informers, stool-pigeons and snoopers who contributed to computer files on five million out of East Germany's 12 million adults.

An ex-Stasi colonel bas estimated "the firm", an insiders knew it, bad more than one million informers and aspired to have files on the entire popula-

Former Stasi officers and Western newspapers bave alleged many top politicians, including the leaders of the Christian Democrats (SPD), were infor-

But CDU cbief Lothar de Maiziere. likely prime minister after his party swept to victory in the poll, and SPD leader Ibrahim Boehme have strongly denied Stasi finks.

Stasi agents systematically opened mail, eavesdropped on burgled and blackmailed in a demented bunt for enemies of the communist party. "The sword and shield" of the

party was one of East Germany's biggest employers and its second armed force, with a buge arsenal under the command of 27 With 2,000 buildings across the

country, it could place buman or electronic eyes and ears almost anywhere, creating a "big brother" machine to stamp out all dissent. . In its neurotic need to know

and control everything, the Stasi

Democrats (CDU) and the Social, implicated many thousands over 40 years, tainting and warping large sections of East German

Operatives posed as waiters, mechanics, Jehovah's witnesses - wbatever was needed to watch, listen and report. Suspects were rated in a 101-

point personality profile including assessment of body language With typical German thor-

oughness that grew obsessive as discontent rose in the 1980s, they grilled the friends, neighbours, colleagues and relatives of sus-General Heinz Engelhardt, last

man to head the agency before it was disbanded this year, said the Stasi was "present in practically every branch of society".

Rooms where agents steamed open, read, and resealed the mail had to be repapered every sixmonths because of Damp. Warehouses bulged with gifts plundered from parcels from the West which never reached their destinations. Resident foreigners were prime

targets. If their telephones broke down, there would be no need to call the repairman; he simply showed up, as if clairvoyant. Cameras filmed all traffic on

soil to the West. Agents looked for secret contacts. Stasi workers were well-paid. ran their own vacation hotels.

transit routes over East German

and got better cars. They chose to-2 join the strong in a society split into the bunters and the hunted. But as unrest grew more vocai. Stalinist leaders grew more

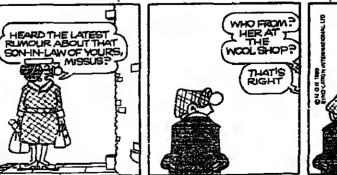
afraid, pressing the Stasi for scapegoats. In a cut-throat race to meet raised quotas, officers hired ever more informers and logged thousands of "meets". Yet tons of files seized in East

Germany's revolution showed they were choking on information, with no criteria for analysis other than mounting paranois.

Mutt'n' Jeff



Andy Capp

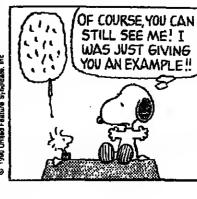






Peanuts







Awareness of importance of archaeology is not enough for preservation

Ghazal, Basta and Ayla, remain

in private hands. We recommend

that a list of sites designated for

purchase by or on behalf of the

Department of Antiquities be

It is also important for the

authorities to acquire or impose

zoning restrictions on land adja-

cent to important heritage sites to

prevent the creation of an un-

attractive setting for these sites. Obvious examples are the slopes of the Amman Citadel (where the

municipality plan has made such

provisions), and the land in the

wadi between the Petra Rest House and the Siq entrance.

Land may also oeed to be

acquired, or rules of ingress and

engress applied, in order to pro-

vide public access, an adequate visual setting and visitor facilities.

3) Development of archaeologic-

al sites for touristie and re-

creational purposes. We recom-

mend that from among those sites

listed as of "outstanding national

importance," a list of sites be

drawn up to be designated for

development. The following general guide lines should be

applied to such site development:

i). The Departments of Tourism

and Antiquities in cooperation

with the proper government ministry should aim to develop

these sites as local, district or

national parks. The antiquities

should be restored to a high

standard and adequate excava-

ii). Sites should have durable

signs with appropriate informa-tion, be well lighted for night use

where feasible, and be adequate-

iii). Sufficient land should be

acquired to provide an adequate

ate landscaping and visitor facili-ties, to provide public access, and

iv). The antiquities and surround-

ing areas should be well main-

tained and supervised to prevent

vandalism, garbage accumulation

and further decay of the anti-

Environmental policy

We recommend that the areas

around sites "of ontstanding

national importance" be subject

to special planning and zoning

controls to ensure that new de-

velopments do not detract from

the visual amenity of these monu-

ments (e.g., this could have pre-vented the placement of massive electric transformers in the visual

Such controls would both pro-

tect important views and regulate

activities and structures that may

damage or be incompatible with

the archaeological remains. (e.g.,

the construction of a high rise

hotel to overshadow the Temple

of Artemis at Jerasb; the con-

struction of a cement factory any-

where downwind of Qusr Amra).

field of Qasr Kharana).

Planning and zoning control.

permit additional excavation.

ly hot attractively secured.

tion carried out.

Following is the second and the final part of a lecture delivered by Ghazi Sandi at the American Centre for Oriental Research in Amman. The first part appeared in vesterday's issue of the Jordan Times.

THERE IS a deep awareness that antiquities are of great importance to Jordan, as it consists the main source for touristic attraction, which is an important source of national income. In spite of that, there are major problems relating to the preservation of antiquities which are not

1. There is oo law on land use

2. There is no comprehensive inventory of sites available to planning and development agencies, to eliminate accidental or intentional destruction.

Most sites are privately owned; owners have no clear understanding of their responsibilities for antiquities on their property. 4. Antiquities are seen by land owners as hindrance to development. Thus clandestine destruction is the rule.

5. The existing antiquities laws are inadequately enforced and implemented. Some governmental departments such as municipality affairs and waqf cause a lot of destruction as they do not abide by antiquities law.

6. Some sites are damaged by actions inside them or by actions around them, as they damage the environment of the site. Examples: (Amman Nymphaeum and Citadel: Jerash Hippodrome; and

7. Exposed archaeological remains are subject to severe erosion through oatural process; such as pollution; road and development projects beside them. Lack of permanent conservatioo and ongoing maintenance caused continuous decline in the sites. g. Treasure hunters are causing a lot of damage to archaeological sites. Excavations should be limited to scientifie purposes only and should be carried out by experienced scholars. Existing antiquities io private bands should be registered and catalogued. Outstanding items should be made public property. Ack-nowledgement to donors could contribute to the success of this

9. Archaeological sites are littered with tracts made by tanks. In some cases like (Umm Qais) soldiers excavated sites in search for treasures. Use of archaeological sites for military camping should be stopped (Amman Citadel).

Solutions: Recommendations adopted by the sub-committee for solving the problems pertaining to heritage "resources."

Realistic alternatives

A. Archaeological remains:

1. General. The following recommendations aim to promote the preservatioo and enhancement of the most significant archaeological remains in the country to serve the following purposes:
i) to maximise their potential as

important visual elements in Jordan's urban and rural landscapes; a), to make them an effective educational and recreational re-

iii). to make them effective attractions for domestic and inWe recommend the broader

application of the principle of compensation for loss of value and income due to the confiscaternational tourism. tion of the zoning restrictions on 2) Aquisition. Many important private property. archaeological sites are already owned by the Department of Legislative initiatives Antiquities. But others, like 'Ain

a. Archaeological remains.

The existing legislation should be extended in order to ensure satisfactory preservation. The following provisions should be

i). That official permission need be obtained from the Department of Antiquities for any works that may affect archaeological remains; other government depar-tents and public utilities would be

ii). That remains of outstanding national importance (category 1 above) be designated as national beritage sites and be subject to special planning control. iii). That substantial penalties for damage to monuments be im-

iv). That compensation allowing for the loss of development potential be paid to owners if works affecting an ancieot monumeot are refused.

v). That development works be delayed officially to allow access for documentatioo and rescue archaeology if significant finds are unearthed, with compensation for loss of income due to the

vi). That the anthority and manpower of the Department of Antiquities be made sufficient to carry out the provisions of the

Public awarenes

i). Education

The key to preservation of the rchaeological heritage is popular interest and support. To achieve this it is oecessary to begin teaching the significance and meaning of the archaeological re-

mains at an early age.
We recommend that units on visual setting, to allow approprithe archaeology of Jordan be made a regular part of the required curriculum in the public and private schools of Jordan. and that teachers be fully prenared to pre their pupils.

In order to achieve this last, we recommend further that archaeology be taught in the teacher training programmes of the universities and community colleges. The goals of such preparation should be to make teachers familiar eoongh with Jordan's archaeological heritage to enable them to prepare and teach units on it. Included in this should be familiarity with major archaeological sites and museums so that the teachers could function as informed guides during class visits to places like Jerash, Pella and Petra, and the various

We recommend that, in parallel to the teaching of archaeology, the teaching of the traditional beritage be included in the teacher training colleges and in the public and private schools. Teaching children about traditional town and vilage



architecture, and introducing especially city children to village landscape would do much towards building a sense of the uniqueness and preciousness of Jordan's beritage. Such education would provide a concrete back-Jordanian, and would associate a love for the traditional with self-

role. In other cases adjoining private-owned lands

ii). Cultural resource manage-

We recommend that the cultural resource management programme of the Department of Antiquities be used to promote communicatioo cooperation and coordinated advance planning between the various national ministries and departments, and various private and international agencies responsible for develop-

We recommend too that private societies like the Friends of Archaeology be encouraged to play a role in promoting this cooperation and coordination.

Finance

i) To interest and encourage donors it is necessary to show them that Jordan respects its anti-quities and takes care of them properly. When historical sites are unkept and oeglected, oelther local nor foreign donors will be interested in giving money. It is therefore essential that the conthis document be taken seriously from the start, in order to attract seriously interested donors. This means controlling destructive behaviour and treasure bunting excavations as well as keeping sites clean and preventing the con-struction of ugly buildings next to

ii). A national society for the conservation of archaeology and heritage could play an important role in the dissemination of information, coordination between government agencies and the promotion of interest among international agencies.

iii). Responsible agencies should prepare conservation plans for important sites, with the funding estimates spelled ont, including the share of local contributions for presentation to prospective

iv). Promotioo of local donations. An already existing interest among local donors can be in-

creased by acknowledging their generosity, extending expressions of appreciatioo, and inform them of progress on the projects to which they have donated. Even the limited giving of local donors of small means will provide imtent incentives among large foreign donor agen-

v). We recommend the pooling of donations in the national fund for the conservation of archaeology and heritage, to be coordinated by the Department of Antiquities. Several sources for financial help are:

1) Jordanian government and official bodies. 2) Foreign governments and their

3) Jordanian universities and institutes (in the form of allocations to excavations and museum). 4) Foreign universities, institutes and expeditions.

5) Financial and commercial companies, local and foreign.

6) Local and international societies (FOA ACOR, RSCN).

7) Visitor fees from tourists to archaeolgical sites be allocated to the conservation of archaeologic-

A glimpse into Gibran the legend

By Sana Abu Huwaij Special to the Jordan Times

A LIVE dialogue on Khalil Gibran, his works and character and his life and traces on modern literature was held recently by several professors of hiterature in Jordan, Egypt and

Gibran Khali! Gibran, the legendary author of the "Prophet," was born in 1883 in the Lebanese village of Bsherri, He left obvious marks on Arab literature of the 20th century as well as to some extent on Western-American literature.

At the age of 12, Gibran migrated with his family to Boston in the U.S. It was there where he began a career that launched a revolution in Arab letters from American shores. In 1920, Gibran gathered 10

emigre Syrian writers io New York City (among them Amin Rihani, Michael Naime and Ilia Abu Madi) into the "Pen League" (Al Rabitah Al Qalamiyah) in order to lift Arabic literature from a quagmire of stagnation and immitation, and as Naime put it, "infuse a new life into its veins so as to make of it an active force in the building up of the Arab Na-

The Peo League changed Arab literature forever and caused the distinguished critic and anthologiser, Salma Jayyusi, to call Gibran "the greatest literary figure in Arab letters during the first three decades of this century."

Gibran died in 1931 in New York of cirrhosis of the över and tuberculosis. On the occasion of the 100 anniversary of his birth, funds were raised and the U.S. Congress passed a bill designating a two-acre plot of land across from the vice-president's residence in Washington, D.C., as a national memorial garden for Gibran, symbolising his dream and prediction in his-well known oovel the Prophet.

The live dialogue involved on the U.S. side Gregory Orfalea, an Arab-Americao writer who is the author of "Before the Flames" and a collection of poems called Grapeleaves. With the aid of a Syrian writer. Orfalea translated some of Gibran's works. about Gibran's character and his influeoce on Eastern and Western literature.

Professor Abdul Rahman Yaghi from University of Jordan started the dialogue by asking about the way that Gibran affected Arab writers, as Gibran is regarded as the leader of modern Arab awakening or revival. Orfalea answered by saying that most of modern Arab writers owe Gibran a favour for showing them the way to freedom of expression in their writings.

Zakaria Anani, professor of Arab literature at Alexandria Uoiversity, asked how the Americans see Gibran; as an Westerner who writes in two languages, or as an Easterner who writes in English?

Orfalca said the Americans in geneal appreciate so much the spirit of work in every person regardless of his/her

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According to Orfalea:

Gibran bebeved in work and brought new aspects in his character to the West which were quite new to the Americans. Gibran brought with him his Eastern-rooted qualities and culture, and religious sensation that is strongly felt in most of his work. He expressed his longing and homesickness as can be seen in his poem 'Dead are My People" in which he says:

Gone are my people, but I Lamenting them in my soli-

What can an exiled son do Starving people, and of what

Unto them is the lamentation of an Absent poet?

Asked by a professor of literature in Bahrain about the contrast of Gibran's reaction towards Christianity as he had provided the West with the spiritual side of religious life while in other writings attacked Christianity and tried out a revolution on eburch. Orfalea said: "Gibran's contradictory behaviour towards religioo is due to his reaction towards the suffering of bumans. We see him attacking the oppressive churchmen who use people for there own interests, and criticising those people who sur-render and give in to them. We also see him adoring nature and love in his romantic novel The Broken Wings. Gibran had always been for the poor and the oppressed and that's wby he had gained such popularity among his readers."

Dr. Nabil Sbarif, a professor of English literature at University of Jordan, asked why Gibran took his place ooly recently in the mainstream American literature, Orfalea said Gibran had been the victim of the different directions in the history of American bterature.

There is oo criticism of Gibran's work among American critics as they see him as a Syrian poet whose philosophy can not be understood by the West or applied on the Western thinking."

Asked about the role of

women in Gibran's life, Orfalea pointed ont that Gibran was a defeated lover, and this is obvious in his poem "The Defeated." Gibran never got married and his romantie relation with Lebanese writer Mary/Mai Ziada was only through letters. However, women in Gibran's life are still mystery. Orfalea bebeves that Girban cared about his freedom more than his love.

Gibran was also interested in music and painting. Orfalea was asked to what extent these talents left their marks on Gibran's writings, and be replied: When Gibran was interested in music and painting in his early life, he didn't speak English. But we find his interest in music revealed in his poems, and his interest in painting revealed in bis prose. His prose and poetry appear to be musical portraits, and that gave Gibran's works their distinguished

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(Continued from page 1) Muslims and Arabs.

A foreign ministry statement said the resolution was "a null one which ignores the rights of the Palestinian and Arah peoples and challenges the sentiments of the emire Muslim World." It urged the world to condemn the resolution.

The Bush administration assured Egypt Monday that it still standing firm on its refusal to recognise Jerusalem as Israel's capital, Foreign Minister Esmat Abdul Meguid said.

Abdul Meguid made the statement after meeting in Cairo with U.S. Ambassador Frank Wisner. We have obtained an assurance that the American administration's position on Jerusalem

has not changed," Abdul Meguid told reporters. He said Egypt was also assured that last week's resolution by the U.S. Senate as only reflecting the position of some Senate mem-

Abdal Megaid criticised the Senate decision saying it would have been better if the Senate refrained from dealing with such

subjects at this time in this way. Wisner emphasised that the U.S. government had not changed position on Jerusalem and that it will do its best for pushing forward the Middle East peace process.



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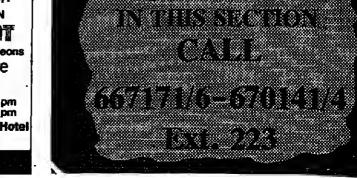


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Iran and Iraq seek foreign help to develop oil, gas wells

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Iran are good." he said. "I think that and Iraq are both seeking the help of foreign companies to help develop their gas and oil re-sources, the Middle East Economie Survey (MEES) reported Monday.

Iran's President Hashemi Rafsanjani has been advocating foreign help to rebuild and develop the country's economy after the eight-year Gulf war.

Iranian Oil Minister Gholamre... Agazadeh told the weekly newsletter in an interview: "We are at present talking with a lot of companies regarding the development of gas reservoirs, and oil

But Aqazadeh stressed any such project "would not be under any kind of equity or productionsharing arrangements. The companies' would develop these reservoirs, and be paid from theproduction of these or other re-

"A lot of enmpanies have started discussions with us, and the prospects for this programme

DHAKA (R) - President Hos-

sain Mohammad Ershad Monday

said Bangladesh's economy was

rebounding and forecast food suf-

ficiency and an industrial boom

for the impoverished country in

facing an economic crisis are

looking at us negatively," he said

in a message marking his coun-

try's 19th independence

Ershad said the country hoped

tn attain a record food output

target of 19 million tonnes in the

current year against the previous

highest of 16.6 million tonnes in

Many more industries, be said,

KUWAIT (R) - The Kuwait

Petroleum Corporation (KPC)

will finance from its own re-

sources a \$2 billion petrochemical

complex approved by the Gulf

state's planners Saturday, a

nances, but internal means. The

senior KPC official said.

Those who say that we are

the next two years.

during this year we will have a lot of these development contracts with foreign companies.

Agazadeh said the fields in question were known to contain oil and gas but had not yet been developed. He specifically mentioned part of the Pars gas field in

The newsletter quoted him as saying the emphasis was less un oil than nn gas, of which Iran has reserves of 17 trillion cubic metres, the second largest in the world after the Soviet Union. Agazadeh put Iran's current

sustainable production capacity at 3.3 million barrels a day, set to rise to 3.7 million harrels a day in four months time and four million barrels a day next year.

He was quoted as saying he expected capacity to expand to around five million barrels a day within five years.

In a separate interview, Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul Rahim Al Chalahi told the Nicosia-hased newsletter that Iraq aimed to

Ershad predicts better economy

"In fact the economy is re-

bounding, no matter what the

critics would say. If we can keep

the current pace, we shall be

self-sufficient in food and have an

industrial boom by 1992," Ershad

Bangladesh, one of the world's

poorest nations with annual per

eapita income of \$170.

announced early this month that

its foreign exchange reserves had

dropped to \$450 million barely

enough for one month's imports.

the central bank devalued the

currency, the taka, by 4.99 per

resigned two weeks ago after he

corporation will finance the

whole project," the official told Reuters Monday.

open to foreign bidders but KPC

has not yet set a date for a tender.

The official said "the tender pap-

The project is expected to be

KPC to finance \$2b complex

cent against the U.S. dollar.

Following the announcement,

Finance Minister Wahidul Huq

increase its production capacity through its new oilfield development programme.

The oil minister said the programme would encompass both light and heavy crude oil, including, hopefully, the Yamama formation which contains light crudes but at a depth of more than 3,000 metres.

The new programme entails inviting foreign companies to develop new oilfields in Iraq that are already discovered and appraised hut as yet nndeveloped, the newsletter said. Al Chalabi said the response

has been positive. "I have not had a rejection from anyone," he was quoted as saying, adding that the interested parties include companies from the United States, Europe and

hlamed the plummeting foreign

exchange reserves nn over invoic-

ing by businessmen. The coun-

try's Planning Minister A.K.

Central bank officials attribute

He said experts had already

started studying technology for the eight-plant complex. "We ex-

pect to start production in the

Kuwait, one of the world's

largest investors, traditionally re-

hies on its own resources to fi-

nance development projects.

mid-1990s," be added.

Khandker quit two days later.

Some of the interested com-The proposals were made durpanies have formed task forces ing unofficial meetings between and are seeking additional information from us. he said.

tiators in Warrenton, Virginia, to discuss structural economic reforms aimed at shrinking the bilateral trade imbalance, it said.

Japan suggests 80 policy

changes to United States

In the on-going talks, dubbed the structural impediments initiatives, U.S. officials have urged Japan to revise land use policies, streamline its complicated retail distribution system and boost consumption of imports through public investment.

Japanese officials have, in turn, arged the United States to reduce its federal hudget deficit, increase savings and investment and improve worker training and education, among other things, to help boost U.S. export competitive-

A foreign ministry official, who spoke anonymously, said without elaborating that he could not comment on the newspaper re-

Last week, another majnr Japanese newspaper, the Asahi Shimbun, said the U.S. government gave Japan a list of more than 200 suggestions aimed at eliminating structural barriers that it said are preventing foreign firms from entering its market. The U.S. list included a prop-

osal to increase public works spending from the present 6.8 per cent level to 10 per cent of Japan's gross national product in a few years.

Japanese and U.S. government officials began discussing structural trade barriers in each country's economic systems last year. The two nations each are to come up with an interim report on the talks in early April. A final report

is expected in July.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister
Toshiki Kaifu told an upper house hudget committee se Monday that he believed the United States was making an effort to reduce excessive consumption, to promote exports of manufac tured products to Japan from the United States, to change shortterm management styles to a long-term outlook, and to improve U.S. education.

Argentines to give up phones

BUENOS AIRES (AP) — Even inflation hardened, Argentines were stunned by phone bills arriving last week that are as much as 17 times higher than last month.

TOKYO (AP) — Japan has given

the United States a list of about

80 policy suggestions to improve

the U.S. economy, including a

proposal to limit the number of

credit cards American consumers

could hold, a news report said

On the list of aggressive measures to cut the \$49 billion U.S.

trade deficit with Japan was the

suggestion that the U.S. govern-

ment curb excessive consumption

by limiting the number of credit

cards any individual could have,

The list also included recom-

mendations for imposing a new

federal value-added tax to help

balance the federal budget, aboli-

tion of income tax deductions on

housing loans and construction of

high-speed railways to reduce re-

liance on energy-wasting cars, the

newspaper said in its top front-

the nationally circulated Ynmiuri

Shimbun reported.

Monday.

last month. This month, it probahly will be more than 200,000 australs (\$40)," said Antomin Lecce, 50. "1 just won't pay it. It's better to have them take the phone away than to sell the house

A group that represents thousands of small businesses said its members received "unjust... and unpayable" bills that are as much as 2,000 per cent higher than the last ones. The group asked President Carlos Menem to intervene.

Bills, however, contain much from the previous 1,785.

nearly 10-fold to 205,997 australs (\$43.80) — prohibitively high in a country where hundreds of thousands of public employees earn the equivalent of \$100 a month or less, and one of every five adults lacks a full-time job.

what they charge us and what we earn," said Jurge Milovich, 52. The government's explanation is that rates were eroded by inflaper cent during the past year,

Also, rates had to be hiked to allow a profit at a deficit ridden company the government is

People who can't afford the new rates may have to share telephones, company, director

tines who accept that their phones go dead when it rains and even on the sunniest days refuse to give dial tones or make the right connection on the first try.

"We now have telephones with

increase will force people to default on their payments and allow Entel to take over lines and resell them to potential customers who have applied for lines and, because there is a shortage, can't get one.

may balance accounts, it also may fuel public apposition to a con-

troversial plan to sell Entel. Critics claim it represents a loss of national sovereignty, and that Entel virtually is being given to

private interests. Alsogaray has told congress that the company, which administers three million lines through-

44 Glasgow

U.S. and Japanese trade nego-Higher bills likely to force

the fall in the reserves to exces-"1 paid 18,000 australs (\$3.60) sive imports which rose by 43 per cent in the past seven months compared with the same period a World Bank President Barber

Conable, during a four-day visit to pay the phone bill." to Dhaka early this month, said the military budget, inadequate financial planning and economic inefficiency were major obstacles to a developing country like

> Rates went up March 9 by what the state telephone company Entel said was an average 433 per

higher rates. The latest bimonthly service charge plus 200 calls, for example, increased by 1,682 per cent, to 31,186 australs (\$6.75) A typical family's bill jumped tion that skyrocketed by 12,000 including 79 per cent in January and 62 per cent last month.

"There is no relation between

trying desperately to sell.

Maria Julia Alsogaray said. The hikes — and Alsogaray's comments - nutraged Argen-

international prices, but we don't have international-quality service," Fernando Bravo nf Radio Rivadavia told listeners. Cynical Argentines allege the

Lines commonly are stolen and sold on a biack market. Illegal telephone wires flap from dozens of downtown office huildings and apartments.

While the increased revenue

nut this nation of 32 million people, is valued at \$1.7 billion.

AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

Sunday, March 26, 1990

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U.S. dollars

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midsession on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Monday.

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

TOKYO — Share prices surged to close with their second highest

one-day point gain ever, fuelled by a bull run in the stock index

futures market. The Nikkei Index soared 1,468.33 points, or 4.83

SYDNEY - The big advance in Tokyo share prices helped the

Australian market recover from a weaker start caused by to

uncertainty over the outcome of Saturday's federal election. The

HONG KONG — A surge of buying pushed the index through the psychologically important 3,000 barrier and showed no signs of

petering out. The Hang Seng Index rose 39.86 to 3.014.02.

SINGAPORE — Share prices closed sharply higher across the

board in active trading despite some late profit-taking. The Straits

Times Industrial Index jumped 18.66 points to end at an all-time

BOMBAY - Share prices opened strongly but ended mixed in

hectic trade after scattered profit-taking just before the close,

brokers said. The Bombay Stock Exchange Index rose 3.57 points

FRANKFURT — German shares closed mostly higher in a session

dominated by speciality stocks like pharmaceutical schering. The

LONDON -- U.K. shares were sharply higher in late afternoon

trading as the market reacted positively to rises an overseas

PARIS - French share prices ended near the day's highs, boosted

by lower domestic interest rates and by strong activity on Paribas shares. The CAC-40 Index ended 26.76 higher at 1,964.16.

NEW YORK - Wall Street stocks held most of their strong early

gains based on an overnight surge of almost five per cent in the

DAX Index ended 7.41 higher at 1,939.53.

markets. The FTSE Index was up 16.4 at 2,300.3.

Nikkei. The Dow was ahead almost 20 at 2723.

All Ordinaries Index ended unchanged at 1,567.4 points:

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per cent to close at 31,840.49.

high of 1,604.08.

kilometres in southeastern Algeria east of the Rhourde Nouss gas field and north of the town of tin Fouye. Neste O.Y. agreed to carry out seismie studies and drill three wells with a total investment of at least \$25 million. In the event of a commercial discovery, the Finnish firm is to finance 49 per cent of the

Investment in Malaysia surge

ment law has passed in 1986.

KUALA LUMPUR (AP) — Manufacturing investment in Malaysia last year rose 57.9 per cent tn \$7.44 hillion, Trade and Industry Minister Rafidah Aziz has said. In all, 910 applications were received to set up manufacturing projects last year compared with 944 the previous year, Rafidah said at an annual meeting with Malaysian business executives. Foreign investment rose 30.8 per cent to 4.97 hillion in 1989 from \$3.1 billion in 1988, while domestic investment rose 110 per cent to \$3.37 billion, the national news agency Bernama quoted the minister as saying. Foreign equity was \$1.63 billion while domestic equity amounted to \$1.15 billion. The projects had potential employment for 200,000 workers, Rafidah said. The figures showed that Malaysia's private sector has become more aggressive in investing in manufacturing and that private investment has become the main contributor to the expansion of the manufacturing sector which grew by 10.5 per cent last year, she was quoted as saying.

Neste to explore for gas, oil in Algeria

ALGERIA (R) — Algeria's state hydrocarbons group Sonatrach

has signed a contract with the Finnish state firm Neste O.Y. to

explore for oil and gas in the Sahara Desert. The Algerian news

agency APS said the concession covered an area of 4,622 square

exploitation costs and will receive the same share of production.

The agreement is the seventh exploration contact Sonatrach has

signed with foreign oil companies since a hydrocarbons invest-

Iran to export gas to USSR in April

NICOSIA (R) - Iran has said it was ready to begin exporting eight million cubic metres of gas a day to the Soviet Union in April . "From April 1, eight million cubic metres of gas will be exported to the Soviet Union subject to the Soviet Union's readiness," Tehran radin quoted the director of the state-owned National Gas Company as saying. 1ran had previously said exports would start at two million cobic metres and rise to three million cubic metres after a year. The radio report, received in Nicosia, did not elaborate. Tehran and Moscow agreed to resume gas exports, cot off in 1980, as part of a multi-billion-dollar economie agreement last year.

BMB reports record profit

BAHRAIN (R) - Bahrain Middle East Bank (BMB), a Bahrain-based offshore bank, has said its 1989 net profit rose by 11 per cent to a record \$10.4 million. BMB chief executive Katch Katchadurian said in a statement the improved results were due to BMB's successful drive into investment banking and higher profits from increased involvement in commercial banking. BMB said loan loss provisions were raised 33 per cent to \$3.2 million. The bank has not been badly hit by problem loans because it does not have any Latin American loan exposure. Operating income rose by 12 per cent in 1989 to \$24.4 million while operating increased by 19 per cent to \$8.8 million. Katchadurian said the bank would give its shareholders a dividend of \$7 million, the same amount as in 1988. BMB is owned by banks and private investors in Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arah Emirates. Kuwait's Burgan Bank is the main shareholder with a 28 per cent stake. BMB returned to the black with a profit of \$9.4 million in 1988 following a \$21.7 million loss:

Dubal raises aluminium output

DUBAI (R) — Dubai Aluminium Company (Dubal) has increased its nutput in 168,028 tonnes in 1989 from 163,445 tonnes the year before, the company's annual report said. It said the plant, in Jebel Ali, was being expanded to increase output capacity to 235,000 tunnes by March 1991. The Dubai government owns 80 per cent of the plant, with the rest shared by U.S., Japanese and local concerns. The annual report said more than 60 per cent of Dubal's ontput was sold to Japan in 1989, with about 7.8 per cent going to Taiwan and 7.4 per cent to the United States.

Saudi Arabia relaxes trade policies

ABU DHABI (R) - Saudi Arabia has lifted a punitive measure against reexport trade from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) intil the two sides could discuss the problem, UAE trade officials said Monday. In March, Riyadh started demanding country-oforigin certificates for any goods entering from the UAE, a move which hurt traders in the emirate of Dubai, which has the largest reexport trade in the country. Most Dubai traders could give no firm explanation for the action. Some speculated it might be to protect Saudi trade agents and others suggested it was to stop reexports from Iran, with which Saudi Arabia has no diplomatic ties. Reexports and other exports to Saudi Arabia from Dubai alone have been around \$400 million a year, most of it in gold jewellery from India, fruit and vegetables from India and Iran, and some manufactures from Dubai's free-trade zone. The officials said both sides have already contacted each other and a joint committee would meet soon.

Turkish strike halts cement production

ANKARA (R) - Turkish cement workers struck Monday for 500 per cent wage increases over two years and enhanced benefits, halting virtually all production, a union official said. He said 16,000 workers in 38 state and private plants stopped work but 1,600 men in five factories in rebel-hit southeastern Turkey were banned from joining the strike by regional officials. "The strike has been stopped in five factories by regional authorities but as far as we can see there is no security problem in those plants," the leader of Cimse-Is cement workers union, Tamer Erakan told Reuters. State-run Citosan said last week it would import two million tonnes of cement to prevent shortage during the strike. The government at the same time dropped an \$8 per tonne levy on imports. The average monthly wage and benefits for a cement worker total about 450,000 lira (\$180), Erakan said. Turkey's annual inflation rate was 59.5 per cent at the end of February. Turkey exported 837,000 tonnes of cement, mainly to North Africa, in 1989. Production that year was 23.8 million tonnes.

TAIB reports 20% rise in profit

BAHRAIN (R) - Trans-Arabian Investment Bank E.C. (TAIB), a Bahrain-based investment bank, has said its 1989 net profit rose 20 per cent to \$5.07 million. Operating income grew eight per cent during the year to \$11.6 million while expenses edged up to \$4 million from \$3.9 million in 1988, TAIB said in a statement. Loan loss provisions declined slightly to 2.7 million in 1989 from \$2.8 million the previous year. Assets grew to \$279 million from \$266 million in 1988. Saudi shareholders own 95 per cent of TAIB, with the rest held by U.S. investors, TAIB has offices in London, New York, Geneva, Istanbol, Hing Kong and

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FORECAST FOR TUESDAY MARCH 27, 1990

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A day when you need to be more outgoing in expressing your princi-ples and concerns where your family is a factor. After civic activities, get together for family excursions

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) You would be wise to do so attend to your usual routines that one of different background to your own will be impressed and lend you TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20)

You have many good ideas where adding to your present good things of life are concerned so be prepared to put them into immediate effect for best results. GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Use

this day to find out exactly where you stand with those whom you regard as partners and by the deeds they are performing not just from worlds.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) You can get a better insight into the pleasures which can insight into the pressures wanted both bring you a good time at well as to be profitable otherwise to you

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) You can do those things today of an outside nature that will make whatever your vocational activities more operative to handle and suc-

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Your aspirations to have every-thing on a basis that is comfortable to you can easily be put in motion with just a little extra thought on your part.

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Consider all phases and aspects

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2 Kiln
3 Nonsense
4 House DOWN

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of your practical problems now and

do nothing in a rush or you miss out on some benefit awaiting your SCORPIO: (October 23 to Novem-

ber 21) You now have the chance to find out just what changes your attachments would like you or both of you to make in order to gain some long range objectives. SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to

December 21) If you want to get along well with a restless and vivacions associate it is necessary you be more open to listen to that person's standpoints. CAPRICORN: (December 22 to

January 20) This is the day for you to pull all of those excellent angles that are so natural for you in achieving whatever your intimate purposes suppen to be. AQUARIUS: (January 21 to Febru-

ary 19) You will have to walk carefully today to avoid some run on where a member of your family and an influential outsider is con-

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Today's child: If your child were born today be or she will always seem to be deeply engaged in thinking out some course of action that will have mutual benefit to those in their immediate circle. A well balanced nature and the ability to reduce desire to a workable ess will make this progeny well liked with both older and young

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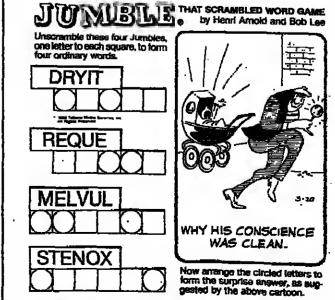
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Karpov contemplating

Karpov qualifies for world chess title

KUALA LUMPUR (R) - Former world champion Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union beat Jan Timman of the Netherlands to win the world candidates chess final Monday.

Karpov, 39, will now meet fellow countryman and title holder Gary Kasparov in the world chess championship to be played in Lyons, France in October.

Karpov won the deciding ninth game Monday in 56 moves to score 6.5 points against Timman's 2.5 points. Under the rules, the winner is the first player to reach 6.5 points.

One point is awarded for a win and half a point for a draw. The match began March 8. It saw four wins and five draws in

the scheduled 12-game match. In today's game, Karpov survived a tense time scramble before the 40th move. He completed the allocated amount of moves with

seconds to go before a forfeit. Karoov then demonstrated his mastery in the end game, going for a win from the 46th move when many experts believed he would go for a draw.

GOREN BRIDGE

RIGHT SUIT AT THE RIGHT TIME

lawsuit of the decade COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — The car for success — I'm Heavyweight boxing champion the one that pumped the fuel James Buster Douglas said in the car to keep it running Saturday he's willing to try to until we got to the successful place," King said. But King's talk of a deal settle the lawsuits pending between his camp and boxing promoter Don King — but not

Douglas vs. King: The

He hasn't come to John

Johnson, he hasn't called John

Johnson. He's been telling

everyone else that," Johnson

Douglas's uncle and tainer, J.D. McCauley, "You know what his deal should be? Get

his butt back on that plane and

head back home. That's his

leech. The word is leech."

"My opinion of Don King?

A radio interview during

King's visit to Columbus

prompted speculation that King, who is black, was trying

to use racism to drive a wedge

between Johnson, who is white, and Douglas, who is black. King ostensibly was in town to celebrate the birthday

But King and the host of the

call-in show on Wckx main-

tained it had been callers who

raised the question of racism.

doesn't look like he's a racist

to me, said host Ella Coleman.

She said King was on her

show, express yourself, for one

Johnson opened the news

conference with a statement

underscoring the racial equal-

ity in the coach boxing team.
"I do agree with Mr. King,
there is prejudice in our world.

... but there's none of it here,

among this group of people.

And we will not allow anyone

to challenge us on the people

that we are," Johnson said.

a shonting match between King and Donglas camp.

The first question launched

From all indications, it

of Douglas's father, Bill.

"Don King is a jerk," said

in a public arena. At a raucous news conference at a hotel on the city's north side, Douglas had to shout to be heard as he said he would meet with King in private in an effort to iron out their differences. About 120 people jammed the small hotel

conference room, only about 120 of them reporters. Asked by King, who had not been expected to attend, if they could meet, Douglas said, were going to do that."

But not in public," he added. "I don't talk my business in public."

King, Douglas and his manager John Johnson, and rival casino owners Donald Trump and Steve Wynn are involved in a multitude of court actions related to future Douglas

King and Trump say they have first rights to the champion's next bout and want it to be a rematch with Mike Tyson. whom Douglas knocked out in their title bout in Tokyo Feb. 10. Donglas, Johnson and Wynn want Dougla's earlier contracts with King to be

Outside the room before the news conference, King had grabbed Johnson in a bear hug, shouting, "just like it used to be, just like it used to be. We're going to make it

happen again."
He said he came to make a deal to try to put aside "our differences and ask for forgiveness if I did anything wrong. And if I did anything right in the five years that I supported Johnny and Buster, then let's keep doing it."

Douglas was asked if he was angered by allegations of racism. Before he could finish answering, King - who was not seated at the dais - rose and shouted, "who called him impressed few in Douglas racist? who called him racist? Stop it right there. ... John has

> The news conference degenerated as the onlookers began heckling Douglas, peppering him with questions. Many of the questioners wanted to know why Douglas was not as accessible as he had been before he won the title.

never been called a racist."

Douglas said he was trying to meet as many requests for interviews and publicity appearances as possible, but said, "I'm only one man." I can't split myself into 20 buster Douglases. I'm only one person.

He noted he was not used to dealing with notoriety, having left Columbus for Tokyo a virtual unknown and assumed to be an easy target for Tyson. 'Now it's, we want you, we want you, we got to have you," he said.

Efforts to return the discussion to business were sidetracked again and again as King or other audience members shouted Douglas down.

Despite repeated requests that he sit down and be quiet, King rose to argue that he acknowledged Douglas's victory immediately after the fight; that his aides willingly surrendered Tyson's championship belts; and that he did not try to delay or avert unified recognition of the victory by filing a protest over an alleged long count after Douglas floored Tyson.

King and McCauley engaged in toe-to-ked again and again as King or other audience members shouted Doug-

nose cone and front wing re-

race: "We may have lost, but we

Dennis said tersely after the

For Dennis, it had been a

also escalated his own private

feud with Ferrari and their man-

agement by making allegations

about the way in which the Italian

team had persuaded his former

chief engineer Steve Nichols to

placed.

weren't beaten."



Agassi downs Edberg

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (R) -American Andre Agassi won his second title of the year by soundly defeating third seed Stefan Edberg in the final of the \$2.55 million International Players Tennis championships Sunday.

Despite a third set lapse, the fifth-seeded Agassi outplayed the third-ranked Edberg for most of the two hour seven minute contest to score a victory worth \$179,000,

"I played well today but I think we've seen a better Stefan Edberg in the past," Agassi said after his win over the highestranked player he has ever beaten in a final.

Edberg, who beat Agassi in the final at Indian Wells earlier this month, earned \$94,000 as runnerup but would have taken over the world number two ranking from Boris Becker with a victory Sunfrustrating weekend in which he attracted further controversy and

"I started slow and I never really got into the match," tho former Wimbledon champion

said of the costly defeat, "I just couldn't get to the ball." Agassi took charge of the match from the outset as he

sion and power that consistently caught lines and corners and kept Edberg away from the net. The American passed Edberg with ease to reach 4-0 and the Swede as unable to hold serve until the first game of the second

drilled groundstrokes with preci-

Agassi broke Edberg for 2-1 to claim the advantage he would need to take the second set and as he continued to control points, Edberg grew more demoralised and error-prone.

A concentration lapse early in the third set by Agassi allowed Edberg a brief moment to shine and after the Swede took a 4-0 lead, Agassi appeared give up on

But it was Edberg who became lethargic in the fourth set as the into high gear.

Edberg's serve and volley game

collapsed in the final set as he double faulted at break point in both the third and fifth games to give Agassi a 4-1 lead.

The Swede staved off two match points at 5-1 with an ace and a service winner, but Agassi held his next serve on his fourth match point with a forehand crosscourt pass that left Edberg lunging at air.

"I think me playing well magnified that he was playing a little tentative," said Agassi, who won his first title of the year last month in San Francisco. "He made a few mistakes and I capitalised on it,"

Edberg blamed some of his problems on poor footwork.

"My main problem was I was a little too slow and in tennis the most important thing is moving your feet. Everybody can hit the ball but it's getting to it at the right time and I really wasn't there today."

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you have to do is count your tricks.

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an even clob split to bring home

Where you gain is on those occasions when East holds the ace of

clubs, even if the suit is divided 4-2.

you would score five club tricks and

If East rises with the ace of clubs

ter at the second trick?

Nigel Mansell finished fourth.
"We had a bad time in behind us now and we are really looking forward to racing at Im-

"Our only problem has been that we have not been fast enough in qualifying and if we want to win the world championship we shall have to improve on that.

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Since you have to surrender a trick to set up diamonds, that line in-"But we shall have a new creases your total 10 only eight, and engine and a new chassis ready by then the eoemy would have their heart suit established. for Imola so I think we can improve. This weekend we were The count of your possible winvery competitive in race trim and ners reveals you need at least one club trick to fulfill your contract. Therefore, yoo should win the openwith full tanks, but not when we

were qualifying."
Prost, delighted with his record ing heart lead in dummy and lead a sixth win in Brazil, said he now Assume your king of clubs loses relished the opportunity of scrapto the ace. The defenders would ping with his former employers McLaren for the championship. then force our your remaining stop-per, and you would have to rely on

ago when both of their cars failed successful there. We shall have to try very hard to match them. I to finish, Ferrari responded in think they still have a very small. brilliant style.

Prost claimed his 40th career advantage on power, but our new engine will help." win and his British team mate

McLaren managing director Ron Dennis was clearly unhappy at the way in which his too dr Ayrton Senna lost his lead when he was in collision with Satoru Nakajima's Tyrrell as he tried to

Senna, desperately keen to win in front of his home crowd, re-

BIRMINGHAM (AP) — The

bell had just gone for the start of

the third and final round when

boxer Geoff McCreesh saw

another fight crupt just outside

McCreesh leaped into the front

row of the seats to join in the

There was a disturbance going

on in the crowd and the next

thing, be just dived straight over

He couldn't resist it.

brawl.

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leave McLaren for Ferrari. Officiais investigate out-of-ring incident

the ropes and into the public at ringside, said Peter Blenkinsopp, secretary of the Midlands Division of Britains amateur boxing association. I've never seen any-

thing like it. ABA officials began an investigation Monday into what prompted the second embarrasing conclusion to a British bout in six months.

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Democratic Forum leads in Hungary election tally

Party last October - and 8.36 to

Bnt Alliance spokesman pre-

dicted victory for their party in

the constituency vote, which will

account for 176 of the 386 seats in

cularly well in the capital where

they claimed a lead in 10 out of 12

score the 50 per cent vote needed

for election in the first round,

although Prime Minister Miklos

Nemeth, running as a Socialist-

backed independent, was one

One election official predicted

that only 100 or 120 seats would

be decided from the county and

constituency voting Sanday,

opening the way for vigorous

will back whom in the second

lbolders will bave to decide

whether to make pacts with the

Forum, a Nationalist and Christ-

ian Democratic Party, or the

Alliance, a more Western

oriented group founded by for-mer dissidents.

"Naturally there are talks

beeling and dealing over wbo

Smaller parties like the Smal-

early outright winner.

round on April 8.

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

MELILLA, Spain (AP) - Spaniards in this North African enclave elected a conservative candidate to the national parlia-

ment in a repeat election, leaving the Socialists one seat shy of a

majority but still with enough power to govern. The repeat of the

October election, which was annulled amid reports of irregular-

ities in several polling places, decided the allotment of the last of

350 sears in Spain Lower House of parliament. Official pro-

visional results of the vote Sunday in this Spanish enclave on

Morocco's Mediterranean coast - a court-ordered repeat of Oct.

29 elections - awarded the Lower House seat at stake to the

Popular Party. But Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez's Socialists

still have 175 of 350 deputies in the chamber. A part of Spain since

the Spaniards wrested it from the Berbers in 1497, Melilla has

some 60,000 residents, one-third of them Muslim. The conserva-

tives had won the Melilla seat in 1986 when many eligible Muslim

voters boycotted the elections to pressure the government to extend full Spanish citizenship to all Melilla-born Muslims and to

increase spending in the run-down Muslim quarter. Gonzalez is

virtually guaranteed to win a parliamentary vote of confidence

scheduled for April 5 despite the setback. Only a plurality is

MOSCOW (AP) - The Communist Party newspaper Pravda

lashed out Monday at growing numbers of demnustrations and protests in the Soviet Union, saying they amounted to "legalisa-

tion of extremism." The newspaper said this wintr was "one of the most alarming and tense periods in our contemporary history."

"Thousands and thousands of honest people take to the streets to

say da to the process of accelerating the perestroika, to the

development of democracy," Pravda said in a front-page edito-

rial. Bin we cannot help seeing the other side of it ... Protests and demonstrations increasingly become one of the forms of legalising

extremism, of further undermining the situation which is complex

in itself." Describing the situation as critical, the newspaper

assaulted radical reformists as well as fundamentalists, saying they

are trying to form organised opposition to the existing structures

n! state authority and to seize the power by non-constitutional

methods. Pravda was especially critical of activists and parliament

members who were behind destabilising rallies of Feb. 25, when

about 1 million people took to the streets in Moscow and a dozen

South Korea, Mongolia to establish ties

SEOUL (AP) - South Korea and Mongolia have agreed to

establish full diplomatic relations for the first time in their history,

South Knrea's Foreign Ministry announced Monday. The accord was signed Monday in the Mongolian capital of Ulan Bator

between South Korean Assistant Foreign Minister Lee Kie-Jon and Mangolian First Vice Fareign Minister Yondon. ministry

afficials said. Mongolia became the sixth Socialist country to

establish formal ties with capitalist South Korea after Hungary,

Poland. Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria, Mongolia

maintains diplomatic nes with Communist North Korea. The

ministry officials said South Korea and Mongoba also planned to

sign agreements to promote trade, economic and technical

cooperation and cultural exchanges. They said efforts to set up

diplamatic ties between the two countries began in mid-1987 in

contacts between South Korean and Mongolian diplomats sta-

CAPE CANAVERAL. Flurida (R) — The United States launched the seventh in a series of U.S. Navstar communications

satellites aboard a Del 2 rocket, the air force said. The satellites,

designed primarily for use by U.S. and allied military forces, are

said by the Pentagon to be capable of pinpointing locations on the

ground or at any altitude to within 15 metres regardless of

weather conditions. The \$65 million global positioning system

satellite was released Sunday into a low Earth orbit and is to be

boosted into permanent orbit by ground controllers, the air force

said. Plans call for sending up an additional 14 Navstar satellites

by 1992, completing an \$8.5 billion communications system which

is also available to commercial and civilian subscribers for

GENEVA (R) - Four armed men escaped with 35 million Swiss

francs (\$23 million) Sunday in Switzerland's biggest bank rob-

bery, police said. The robbers burst into the Union Bank of

Switzerland's branch in central Geneva and tied up two guards, a

porter and a maintenance worker. They seized keys from the

guards and rifled through 10 safes holding notes weighing 200

kilogrammes in the foreign currency department. No customer

safes were broken into. Police said the robbers did not set off the

alarm and thus might have had inside knowledge of the bank's

security system. A passerby alerted police an hour after

the robbery when be looked through a window and saw the

workers tied up. One bank worker, who was hit with a pistol butt,

was taken to hospital but released after treatment, police said.

\$23 million stolen from Swiss bank

U.S. launches 7th military satellite

tioned in Takyo.

navigation and communication.

other cities, demanding swift democratic change.

Prayda lashes out at demonstrations

Spanish Socialists lose majority

Few candidates looked likely to

They said they would do parti-

the Youth Party Fidesz.

the national parliament.

BUDAPEST (R) — The centre-right Hungarian Democratic Forum (HDF) led the field Monday as votes were counted in the country's first free elections for four decades. But the complex voting system left the eventual winner in doubt.

Forum leader Jozsef Antall said his party was on course for victory: "I think the HDF can qualify as the winner of the elections if the trend continues," he told a news conference.

But the Liberal Alliance of Free Democrats, which partial official results put it just behind the forum in a two-borse race. said it had fuller figures showing the two parties neck and neck.

The counting of Sunday's vote. delayed during the night by failures on overloaded lines linking the computer network, plodded on through Manday as Hungarians waited to see what government would replace the ruling

Electors voted both for individual constituency candidates and for party lists in their local

With just over balf the list votes counted from the first round of the two-stage election, the election commission said the forum had 24.53 per cent in Hungary's 20 counties.

These figures gave 20.63 per cent to the Alliance, 12.87 to the Independent Smallholders' Party. 10.06 to the Socialist Party which succeeded the Communist

needed for his confirmation.

going on in such a situation, and these talks are very serious." Smallholders National Secretary Vilmos Bereczky said.

The outcome of the talks is likely to carry over into the shape of the coalition which seems to be the only prospect for Hungary's future government.

Some analysts saw a grand coalition between the two main parties, separated by differences of background and temperament more than policy, as the only

But Alliance candidate Matyas Eorsi said: "If we can avoid a coalition with the Forum we will, and we think they think the same way. If neither is able then perhaps we shall sit down with them. It's like a forced marraige. Sometimes you can't avoid it." Both parties, as well as the Smallholders and Fidesz, bave

The Socialists, campaigning as a moderate left-wing party making a clean break with the past, headed for a predictable defeat, though one less crushing than

ruled out an alliance with the

forecast by some polls.
Socialist State Minister Imre Pozsgay, stung by what he sees as popular ingratitude for his role in dismantling the Communist monopoly and by a dismal third place in his Sopron constituency, promised firm opposition in par-

Colombian minister quits over

drug war

BOGOTA (R) — Colombian Interior Minister Carlos Letnos Simmonds has resigned in a bitter quartel over government drug pobicies and said his departure was a victory for the country's powerful cocaine traffickers.

Lemos, considered Colombia's toughest anti-drug minister, also said President Virgilio Barco had not defended him against allegations that be helped cause Thursday's murder of leftist presidential candidate Bernardo Jara-

General Serpa Uribe to replace Lemos, saying Uribe bad a "clear and determined position against

drug trafficking and terrorism." The president thanked Lemos for being "an example of firmness and bravery."

In a two-page letter to Barco, Lemos said he could not continue in office without the support of the president and his govern-

"Neither you, nor the government raised your voice to reject these imputations (of his involvement in the assassination), repudiate them and defend a man of good will," he said.

"In certain areas inside the government itself, the attitude in the face of drug trafficking has been changing almost imperceptibly and now it is not the same intransigent and firm policy that it was in December.

"I fear that with my departure from the ministry the drug traffickers and those who help them have obtained a victory," Lemos

Colombia bas been locked since August in a war with cocaine traffickers in which some 200 people have died.

Jaramillo, candidate of the leftist Patriotic Union (UP), was gunned down by a 16-year-old assassin at Bogota's main airport.
Shortly before Jaramillo's mur-

der, Lemos accused the UP of having close links with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, one of the country's three main guerrilla groups.

Global weather

(major world cities)

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AMSTERDAM	03	37	80	46	Cloudy
ATHENS	10	50	25	77	Cloudy
BAHRAIN	19	66	25	77	Cloudy
BANGKOK	27	81	36	97	Cleer
BUENOS AIRES	13	55	26	78	Clear
CARO	11	52	25	77	Close
CHICAGO	-01	31	07	45	Clear
COPENHAGEN	03	37	90	48	Cloudy
FRANKFURT	03	37	œ	48	Cloudy
GENEVA	01	34	06	43	Cloudy
HONG KONG	19	86	20	88	Rain
ISTANBUL	11	52	18	64	Clear
LONDON	05	41	11	52	Cloudy
LOS ANGELES	12	55	21		Cloudy
MADRID	96	43	18		Clear
MECCA	22	72	30	86	Cloudy
MONTREAL	-05	27	04	39	Cloudy
MOSCOW	02	36	09	48	Clear
NEW DELH;	11	52	27	71	Clear
NEW YORK	02	35	09		Clear
Paris	02	36	10		Cloudy
ROME	11	52	19		Cloudy
SYDNEY	19	66	26	79	Cloudy
TOKYO	05	41	12		Clear
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ANC suspected of attacks ahead of peace talks

JOHANNESBURG (R) -Rocket grenades tore into local council offices in Soweto Sunday and South African police said they suspected African National Congress (ANC) guerrillas launched the attack.

Police spokesman Major Reg Crewe said Monday two Sovietmade RPG-7 grenades were used in the attack late Sunday which broke almost 100 windows in the building and damaged a nearby

"It is only the ANC that so far has been using this type of weapon," Crewe said.

About an hour after the attack three limpet mines damaged a power station in nearby Johannesburg.

No one was injured in either attack, made on the day exiled ANC commanders were due to arrive in South Africa to prepare for talks on how to achieve power-sharing between black and

The arrival was postponed at the last minute because, according to ANC sources in Lusaka. the group was not certain that guerrilla commanders were assured of immunity from arrest.

The 19-strong delegation was to have included Chris Hani, chief of staff of the ANC's armed wing Umkhonto We Sizwe (Spear of the Nation) and its political commissar Steve Tshwete.

The government last month lifted its 30-year-old ban on the ANC, the main organisation opposing white minority domination, but continues to prosecute members for politically-motivated crimed such as bombings, Hani has become a hero among

militant black youths and be is well placed to help end persistent bloody fighting between black factions which have ignored peace calls from older ANC leaders such as Deputy President Nelson Mandela.

On Sunday seven people died in such fighting. They included four shot dead in one clash in Natal province where supporters of the ANC confront backers of the Znlu tribal-based lnkatha Movement in a power struggle for control of the townships.

The latest bombing could be a demonstration that the ANC, which is calling for South African security forces to recognise a formal ceasefire and bold direct talks with its military wing, is capable of effective actions.

The rocket lanncher posed a threat to armonred vehicles patrolling Soweto and other black townships, Crewe said. India's pullout offers new chance

Australia's Labour Party forecast to gain 2-seat majority in polls

CANBERRA (Agencies) — Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke's Labour Party was forecast Monday to win a parliamen-tary majority of at least two seats in a cliffhanger election.

But the narrow majority would make governing tough during Hawke's fourth successive term. Hawke, in power for seven years, will remain caretaker

prime minister until postal and preferential votes from six marginal electorates are tallied this week following Saturday's poll. A final result is expected Wednesday or Thursday.

Final voting was taking plague Monday in the opposition-held North Queensland ontback electorate of Kennedy after a tropical storm caused the ballot to be suspected at the weekend with the Labour challenger leading.

Liberal leader Andrew Peacock, who held a meeting of the party leadership Monday, is clinging to the hope the opposition coalition can still win. But be said a Labour victory was prob-

Both sides agree there is a chance the I48-seat House of Representatives (lower house) will be deadlocked at 73 seats each to Labour and the Liberal/ National Coalition.

This would leave the balance of power held by independents --ex-mayor of North Sydney Ted Mack and environmentalist Helen Caldicott, who looks likely to unseat national leader Charles Blant in the New South Wales country seat of Richmond.

Both have pledged to sway

their conscience rather than on party lines.

Lauchlan McIntosh, executive director of the Australian Mining Industry Council, said a bung parliament or a narrow Labour win could stall government decisions and undermine economic

"If needed reforms are going to be put off because of a return of protectionist views among independents, for example, we are going to fall back on the days when people did nothing," he told reporters. Labour is so far assured of at

least 71 seats against 67 for the coalition and one for mack. Forecasters Rod Cameron and Malcolm MacKerras see a labour

"I think it is fairly clear that Labour will have a majority of two, possibly four," Cameron told reporters.

"I think the outcome will be 75 (for Labour), 71 (for the coalition) plus two," MacKerras said, adding be believed Labour could govern successfully with a twoseat majority.

The opposition can debate on a motion of "no confidence" and then call a vote but a federal government bas not been removed that way in recent times. McKerras said.

"Discipline in Labour ranks is pretty tight. They just have to make sure everyone is there for

"But if a sitting member of parliament retires, resigns or dies, a by-election for his seat could pose real problems for

Labour. There have been five in politicians to vote according to the past three years.

"If Labour loses a py-election and there is a hung parliament its prospects of seeing out the full three-year term are not very good at all," said Ian MacAllister, a political scientist at the Australian National University.

News reports said Monday Hawke appears likely to win a slim parliamentary majority. Hawke said his forces would

have enough seats in parliament to govern after Saturday elections. But his conserative opponent, Andrew Peacock, refused to concede defeat.

Hawke predicted Sunday that his party would finish with a one-seat majority in the 148-seat Honse of Representatives. Labour has governed for the past term with an 35-seat majority.

Hawke said that, according to his projections, even in a worst case scenario Labour would come away with 73 seats, and peacock's

The flooding in Kennedy still kept some voters from the poling booths Monday. As a result, the outcome from the area weren't expected to be known until Wednesday, the Australian Broadcasting Corp. said.

Still, newspapers said it appeared that Hawke, 60, would be able to lead the Labour Party to a record, fourth straight term.

Hawke campaigned on his record of economic reform, while Peacock tried to use the incumbent prime minister record against him. Peacock blamed Hawke for Australia's high interest rates and foreign debt.

Mongolian dissidents break silence

ULAN BATOR, Mongolia (AP) - Dr. Boshigt this month became 'Mongolia's first Communist Party member to hand in bis membership card, ending a lifetime of waiting to speak out against political repression.

"I had to wait for favourable conditions," the 49-year-old physician said in an interview. Boshigt joined the ruling Mongolian Peoples Revolutionary Party even though it had purged his physician father. He worked for the semi-official Peace and Friendship Assocation, acting as Mongolians liaison to Socialist International groups such as the African-Asian Soli-

darity Committee. For the scholarly, soft-spoken Boshigt, as for many Mongolians, the time to speak came last fall. "With all this democratic

change in East European countries and the perestroika policy this was the time to do something," he said, referring to the reform policies of Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev.

Boshigt, who uses just one name, said he met like-minded supporters of reform in this longtime Soviet client state between China and the Soviet Union. He and the young intellectuals organised their first raily days later. on International Human Rights Day, Dec. 10.

Thus was born the Mongolian Democratic Association, the nations first opposition group in nearly seven decades.

"Always (before) there were people who wanted to do something," the physician said. "It was

His father, Gongorjav, was iailed for several years, then vanished to the countryside when he objected to replacing Mongolia's ancient script with the Cyrillic letters used in the Soviet

But voices of protest remained few and nnorganised. Mongolia never developed a dissident community with its own bterature and mutual support network.

That is wby the speedy and effective organisation of the Democratic Association came as such a surprise to Mongolians. By mid-March, it claimed 70,000 members in 17 branches nationwide and tens of thousands more supporters for its programme of democratic reforms.

"There is a scientific base, a logic to the association's programmes, said Boshigt, who became one of the groups chief strategists. That is why we are going on so smoothly...,"

"The only thing we accept from Marxism-Leninism is its scientific methodology."

"Mongolia's economic and political problems must be solved pragmatically," he said, "resort-mg not to isms but a careful study of the countrys past, much of which was labeled feudal and blotted out of history books by

of future blazes could be more serious. There is always a danger, even with a guy like this who is not setting large fires, be said. Most of the 104 fires since Octothe Communists." ber have occurred in early evening in the suburbs of Reseda, Canoga Park and Northridge North of downtown Los Angeles.

Pope inaugurates Vatican exhibition

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VATICAN CITY (AP) - Pope John Paul II has inaugurated a Vatican exhibit on Michelangelo and the restoration of his frescoes in the Sistine Chapel. The exhibit, entitled Michelangelo and the Sistine Chapel - technique, conservation and myth, coincides with the competition of the cleaning of the vaulted chapel ceiling. Pope John Paul said the show allows visitors to evaluate the restoration of a work of art of worldwide importance and value and especially to consider the interest it bas for the history of art and world colture.

Apparitions foretold fall of communism'

PITTSBURGH (AP) — An apparition of the Virgin Mary in Yugoslavia that has drawn millions of believers foretold the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe, say participants at 1/2 conference on visions of the Mother of Jesus. It just seems too coincidental to have her appear and then all of a sudden the Communist regime starts falling apart, said Robert Lacher, 54. The two-day Eastern Regional Conference on Visions of the Virgin Mary started Saturday at Duquesne University. The conference is focusing on the increased number of reported messages and what believers see as their tie to communisms collapse, sponsors said. The recent spate of visions of Mary and apparitions started in 1981 in the Yugoslavian city of Medjugorje when a group of six youngsters beard her mes-sage, said John Okeefe of the Our Lady of Peace Ministries in



for peace or more war in Sri Lanka coastal highway. The Sinhalese uprising came to COLOMBO (AP) - A 42-year-

old rift between Sri Lanka's Sinbalese majority and Tamil minority begins a new and possibly less hostile chapter this week with the end of India's pendulumlike intervention in the conflict. The last Indian soldiers left Sri

Lanka's northeastern shores Saturday, ending a 2½-year jungle war against the Tamil guerrilla they once trained. Now the Sinhalese-dominated

government and Tamils seeking an independent nation are reassessing their traditional antagon-ism. Both sides want to build on the tenuous peace they forged last summer, a peace that grew out of mutual opposition to the Indian presence. But the durability of their new-

found understanding is being questioned. "I am afraid the peace will

break down once the convergence of their aims ends," a Western diplomat said on condition of anonymity. "And the couverg-ence ends when the last Indian soldier steps on a ship for home." The Tamil-Sinhalese discord.

simmering since Sri Lanka became independent from Britain in 1948, spawned a Tamil insurgency in 1983. It also fuelled an uprising against the government in 1987 by ultranationalist Sinhalese who objected to peace overtures made to the Tamils.

The twin wars have killed at least 17,000 people and brought its tropical island, once famed as a sun-and-sand holiday destination, to the brink of anarchy. In the Tamil-dominated north

and east, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) and other Tamil groups launched a guerrilla war, first against the Sri Lankan army and then against the Indian peacekeepers.

ing they left bodies of victims in

remote villages and along the

Sinhalese radicals and government forces were locked in a grisly battle in the south and centre of the island. Every morn-

a virtual halt in December after most radical leaders were killed by Sri Lankan security forces. On the Tamil front, the militants and the government reached a rare understanding: Both wanted Indian forces off the island.

"We are both against foreign occupation armies," Ajit Mahataya, the Tigers' second-in-command, told the island, a Colombo newspaper. "This may have belped build up trust that has allowed us to negotiate seriously."

India, encouraged by its own Tamil minority, became involved in the Tamil war for an independent nation soon after it began in 1983. Most Tamil rebel groups, including the Tigers, were based in the southern India city of Madras and were trained in military camps in India.

When the Sri Lankan army stepped repression against the Tamils in 1987, India tried to pressure Colombo into calbing a ceasefire. The pressure tactics worked -

but with a twist. The Sri Lankan government agreed to give the famils limited autonomy but said Indian soldiers must enforce a surrender of arms by the guer-

India, acting on behalf of the Tamils, signed a peace pact with Sri Lanka on July 29, 1987. Two months later the Tigers repudiated the agreement, claiming they were not consulted, and turned their guns on the Indians.

Soon, India was fighting a follscale war, at one point pitching as many as 125,000 soldiers against an estimated 2,000 Tiger guerrillas and countless part-time fighters.

At least 1,155 Indian soldies and about 2,000 Tigers were killed in battle.

Last summer, Sri Lanka demanded the Indians leave. The new government, headed by President Ranasinghe Premadasa, said it could handle the Tamil insurrection. After initial hesitation, India

agreed to go.

part of our job done," an Indian diplomat said on condition of anonymity. "We may not have got an A-plus, but we did not get a C-minus either. We are leaving Sri Lanka a united nation, and that is a tremendous achievement considering the situation in

Some analysts believe the

Sinhalese-Tamil unity will last. The government of Sri Lanka does not want to go back to square one, said Neelan Tiruchelvam, a Tamil political analyst. Another confrontation will destroy the nation state."

At the root of the problem is the Tigers' demand for independence, which they have not renounced despite the truce with Colombo. Talks centre on what kind of

power the Tigers will exercise. We are leaving with at least Government officials say Tamil areas will form a loose federal state with considerable local autonomy. .

"The answer is somewhere between a totally independent state and the kind of provincial power we have now," said Bradman Weerakoon, President Premadasa's top adviser.

"I see a superb chance for coming to terms," Weerakonn, a Sinhalese, said. "Previous govemments had not completely realised that there were some areas that could be perceived as being discriminatory to the Tamils. This president realises that Tamil demands have some kind of basis."

Modigilani painting

PARIS (R) - Amedeo Modig-

liani's the Pretty Shopkeeper was

sold for 63 million francs (\$10.9

million) at auction, breaking the

world record for a work by the

Italian artist. The previous record

was set at a London sale at

Sotheby's last November, when

Modigliani's the Girl in the Black

Apren went for 49.2 million

francs (\$8 million). The Pretty

Shopkeeper is part of a collection

of major art works belonging to

the Parisian couple Lucien and

Marcelle Bourdon, up for sale at

the Drouout Auction House. The

sale was conducted simultaneous-

ly in Tokyo and Paris by satellite

concert proceeds to

BIRMINGHAM, Alabama (AP)

- Hank Williams J.R. will don-

ate proceeds from a concert to

help flood victims in southeast

Alabama, a childhood play-

ground for the Country and

Western singer, his manager said.

Merle Kilgore said Wednesday

that Williams will donate his con-

cert fee and concession sales from

an April 1 concert in Birmingham

to the people of Elba. They hope

to raise more than \$100,000, Kil-

gore said. High waters swept

away parts of a levee surrounding

Elba last weekend and inundated

the town. Alabana Governor

Guy Hunts office will administer

the money, Kilgore said. More than 2,000 people evacuated

when the town nearly dis-

appeared under water Saturday.

Williams maternal grandfather,

Shelton Sheppard, lived in Troy.

Williams spent his summers there

as a boy. Williams father was the

legendary country singer and

song writer Hank Williams, who

L.A. investigators

seek pyromaniac

LOS ANGELES (AP) - More

than 100 of this areas trademark

paim trees have caught fire over

the last five months, and investi-

gators suspect an arsonist is to

blame, officials said. Some of the

fires have spread to nearby

age, said fire battalion chief Wil-

liam Burmester. Burmester said

he was worried the consequences

On several occasions, trash rather

than trees was set on fire. The

outbreak represents the largest

number of apparently related

arsons in memory, arson investi-gators said. No motive has

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died at age 29.

Singer to donate

flood victims

hits record price

at Paris auction